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When interviewed on August 2, 1965, [redacted] requested that any information he furnished about former Birmingham Police Commissioner EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR be kept confidential.

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Concerning an incident about April, 1950, when ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS was arrested following the bombing of Rev. BENJAMIN HENDERSON's residence at 1100 North Center Street, Birmingham, and the subsequent refusal by Jail Superintendent ROBERT AUSTIN, on orders from "higher up", to allow CHAMBLISS to be interviewed, McMAHAN stated he believes "BULL" CONNOR was the "higher up" and probably would not allow CHAMBLISS to be interviewed because he was not cooperating with the Alabama Highway Patrol at that time. CONNOR had previously told McMAHAN not to cooperate with the State Investigators and not to furnish them any information of any kind. McMAHAN said he did not interview CHAMBLISS but probably could have if he had wanted to, provided the State Investigators were not present.

[redacted] advised that although EDDINS was Chief of Police, "BULL" CONNOR was the man who gave the final orders and made the final decisions concerning the operations of the Birmingham Police Department. [redacted] confidentially described CONNOR as "an uneducated but shrewd politician" who was afraid of anyone with an education because he felt they were trying to take advantage of him. CONNOR frequently changed his mind with regard to cooperating with the FBI. At one time CONNOR would say the Police Department should definitely not cooperate with the FBI; then, he would suddenly change his mind and issue instructions to cooperate completely.

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Concerning his [redacted] checking names of prospective Klan members in the Birmingham Police Department records for [redacted] and (FNU) [redacted]

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[redacted] in Birmingham at that time), [redacted] said "BULL" CONNOR instructed

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him to cooperate with [] and [] and furnish them with any information in the Police Department files concerning any individuals whose names they furnished.

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COMMISSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

W. D. KENDRICK, PRESIDENT

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

OFFICE OF

E. H. GILMORE

THOMAS B. (TOM) PINSON

J. O. BUTLER, CORONER
623 COURT HOUSE

BIRMINGHAM 3, ALABAMA

July 20, 1965

ADDIE MAE COLLINS (c)

We, J. O. Butler, Coroner and W. L. Allen, Deputy Coroner of Jefferson County, Alabama, certify that we investigated the death of Addie Mae Collins (c) who came to her death September 15, 1963, and was dead on arrival at the Hillman Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, and that she came to her death from injuries received from a bomb blast at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, by person or persons unknown, same being homicide.

/s/ J. O. Butler
Coroner

/s/ W. L. Allen
Deputy Coroner

I, J. O. Butler, Coroner of Jefferson County, Alabama, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record on file in this office.

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File 5924-C

J. O. Butler
J. O. Butler
Coroner

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF ALABAMA

1. COUNTY Jefferson		2. BEAT NO. 37020		3. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institutional residence before admission) a. STATE Alabama b. COUNTY Jefferson	
4. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Birmingham		5. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		6. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Birmingham 37020	
7. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 16th Street Bapt. Church		8. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1b 233 - 6th Ct. West		9. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First Addie Middle Mae Last Collins		11. DATE OF DEATH Month Sept. Day 15 Year 1963			
12. SEX Female	13. COLOR OR RACE Colored	14. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	15. DATE OF BIRTH 4/18/1949	16. AGE (In years last birthday) 14	17. IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months 14 Days 14 Hours 14 Min. 14
18. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life) Student		19. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY School		20. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Alabama	
21. FATHER'S NAME Oscar L. Collins		22. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Alice Jones		23. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE None	
24. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) No		25. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. None		26. INFORMANT'S NAME Alice Jones Collins	
27. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Multiple fractures, lacerations of head, and (back) chest Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last: DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____ PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a) 19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>					
28a. (Probably) ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		28b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.) dynamite blast			
29. TIME OF INJURY Hour 10:22 AM PM Month 9 Day 15 Year 63		30. PLACE OF INJURY (e. g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office) church			
31. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>		32. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Birmingham		33. COUNTY Jefferson	
34. STATE Alabama		35. I attended the deceased from _____, to _____, and last saw her/him alive on _____ Death occurred at 10:22 A. m on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.			
36. SIGNATURE J. O. Butler (Degree or title) Coroner		37. ADDRESS Birmingham, Alabama		38. DATE SIGNED 9-18-63	
39. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial		40. DATE 9/18/1963		41. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Woodlawn	
42. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Birmingham, Alabama		43. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Poole Funeral Chapel, B'ham, Ala.			
44. ADDRESS SEP 19 1963		45. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. SEP 19 1963			
46. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Lommie A. Gibbs					

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

This is to certify that the above is a copy of a certificate as filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson County Health Department, Birmingham, Alabama.

Carroll Chambers M. D.
Health Officer

Lommie A. Gibbs
Registrar of Vital Statistics

7-19-65
Date of Issue

Mary Houston
Authorized Bureau Clerk

Not Valid Without Embossed Seal of the Health Officer of Jefferson County, Alabama.

ADMITTING REPORT TO THE CORNER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Name of Hospital or Infirmary Wilman's Infirmary Date 9/16/23
 Name of person injured Alma Alice Collins Sex Female Color Negro
 Address 233-6 Ct West
 Name and address of relative or friend Osce Collins (father)
233-1 Ct West
 Age 14 Civil state Single Occupation _____
 Time Admitted _____ A.M. _____ P.M. W.R. Ward _____ Died _____ Date _____ A.M. _____ P.M.
 Brought to Hospital by Ambulance
 Name of person accompanying him ambulance driver
 Address _____
 How injured Trauma received in falling
 By whom and address _____
 Where injured 16th St Baptist Church
 Diagnosis D.O.A.
 Doctors J.M. Donald Jr.
 Name of Intern _____ Name of Nurse Keenan
 Treatment on admission See medical record
 Disposition of Clothes and Valuables No valuables on patient
 Disposition of Body To Burial
 Investigating Officers Pierce, Hines
 Coroner notified by phone Butler, Miller
 _____ Clerk.

NOTE—Report all cases admitted whose injuries are due to gun shot, knife cut, razor cut and all other injuries from which persons are likely to or do die. 7

EMERGENCY CLINIC
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL & HILLMAN CLINIC

REPORT OF ACCIDENT

HEC ☐ 1
UEC ☐ 2
(1) Date 9-16-63 (2-7) Unit No. _____

Name of Patient Alice Collins (8-27) Age 24 (28-29) Race N-W ☒ (30) Sex F ☒ (31) M ☐ (32-35) Time _____ AM ☐ PM ☐

Address 233 6th West Civil State Calif Phone _____

Relative Father Oscar Collins Address same Phone _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Where Injured 16th Baptist Church Date 9-16-63 Hour _____

Witnesses _____

History (How Injured) DOA

How Brought to Hosp. Ambulance

Nature-Extent of Injuries No audible heart sounds, no palpable

pulses, no respiratory effort

X-Ray & Lab Findings _____

Provisional Diagnosis DOA

Treatment & Disposition None

Family Notified By _____ Hour _____

Police-Coroner Notified By _____ Hour _____

Nurses 8 M. J. Daniels

COMMISSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

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OFFICE OF

J. O. BUTLER, CORONER
623 COURT HOUSE

BIRMINGHAM 3, ALABAMA

July 20, 1965

DENISE McNAIR (c)

We, J. O. Butler, Coroner and W. L. Allen, Deputy Coroner of Jefferson County, Alabama, certify that we investigated the death of Denise McNair (c), who came to her death September 15, 1965, and was dead on arrival at the Hillman Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, and that she came to her death from injuries received from a bomb blast at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, by person or persons unknown, same being homicide.

/s/ J. O. Butler
Coroner

/s/ W. L. Allen
Deputy Coroner

I, J. O. Butler, Coroner of Jefferson County, Alabama, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record on file in this office.

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File 5924-B

J. O. Butler
J. O. Butler
Coroner

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF ALABAMA

1. COUNTY <u>Jefferson</u>		2. BEAT NO. <u>37020</u>		3. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: Residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Alabama</u> b. COUNTY <u>Jefferson</u>	
4. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Birmingham</u>		5. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		6. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Bessemer</u> 37XX8	
7. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>D.O.A. University</u>		8. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1b		9. STREET ADDRESS <u>RT 4, Box 524</u>	
10. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First <u>Carol</u> Middle <u>Denise</u> Last <u>McNair</u>		11. DATE OF DEATH Month <u>9</u> Day <u>15</u> Year <u>63</u>		12. IS DECEASED a. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> b. ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. SEX <u>Female</u>		14. COLOR OR RACE <u>Cal</u>		15. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life) <u>Student</u>		17. BIRTH PLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Birmingham, Ala</u>		18. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>U.S.A.</u>	
19. FATHER'S NAME <u>Jewell C. McNair</u>		20. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Maxine Phippen</u>		21. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE <u>None</u>	
22. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <u>None</u>		23. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>None</u>		24. INFORMANT'S NAME <u>None</u>	
25. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Fractured skull and concussion</u>		26. DUE TO (b) _____		27. DUE TO (c) _____	
28. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) _____		29. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH _____		30. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
31. 20a. (Probably) ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		32. 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) <u>Dynamite blast - bomb</u>			
33. 20c. TIME OF Hour Month, Day, Year INJURY a. m. <u>10:22</u> <u>PM</u> <u>9-15-63</u>		34. 20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT NOT WHILE WORK <input type="checkbox"/> AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
35. 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (i. e., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office) <u>church</u>		36. 20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Birmingham</u> COUNTY <u>Jefferson</u> STATE <u>Alabama</u>			
37. 21. I attended the deceased from _____, to _____, and last saw her alive on _____ Death occurred at <u>10:--</u> <u>A.</u> m on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.					
38. 22a. SIGNATURE <u>H. L. Allen</u> (Degree or title) <u>Deputy Coroner</u>		39. 22b. ADDRESS <u>Birmingham, Alabama</u>		40. 22c. DATE SIGNED <u>9-17-63</u>	
41. 23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Burial</u>		42. 23b. DATE <u>9-18-63</u>		43. 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Shadow Lawn</u>	
44. 23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Birmingham</u> (State) <u>Ala</u>		45. 24. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. <u>SEP 19 1963</u>		46. 25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>Lommie A. Gibbs</u>	
47. 26. FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>Davenport-Harris</u>		48. ADDRESS <u>City</u>		49. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.	

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

This is to certify that the above is a copy of a certificate as filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson County Health Department, Birmingham, Alabama.

Carroll Chambers M.D.
Health Officer

Lommie A. Gibbs
Registrar of Vital Statistics

7-19-65
Date of Issue

Mary Houston
Authorized Bureau Clerk

Not Valid Without Embossed Seal of the Health Officer of Jefferson County, Alabama.

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ADMITTING REPORT

TO THE CORONER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Name of Hospital or Infirmary Hillman / Engle Co Date 9/16/23
 Name of person injured Lucie M. Fair Sex Female Color Pg
 Address Rt 4 Box 524 Bess
 Name and address of relative or friend Mary M. Fair (mother)
Rt 4 Box 524 Bess
 Age 11 Civil state Single Occupation _____
 Time Admitted 10²⁰ A.M. P.M. 11:53 Ward _____ Died _____ Date _____ A.M. P.M.
 Brought to Hospital by ambulance
 Name of person accompanying him ambulance driver
 Address _____
 How injured Trauma injury from falling
 By whom and address _____
 Where injured 16th St. Baptist Church
 Diagnosis D.O.A.
 Doctors J. M. Donald
 Name of Intern _____ Name of Nurse Duncan
 Treatment on admission See Medical Record
 Disposition of Clothes and Valuables Purse & shoes to mother
 Disposition of Body Transport to Home
 Investigating Officers Percy St. James
 Coroner notified by phone Butler Office

Clerk.

NOTE—Report all cases admitted whose injuries are due to gun shot, knife cut, razor cut and all other injuries from which persons are likely to or do die.

EMERGENCY CLINIC
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL & HILLMAN CLINIC

REPORT OF ACCIDENT

HEC ☒
UEC ☒
(1)

Date 9-16-63
(2-7)

Unit No. _____

Name of Patient Rebecca McNeil Age 15 Race N-W ☒ Sex F ☒ Time _____ AM ☐ PM ☐
(8-27) (28-29) (30) (31) (32-35)

Address Rt 4 Box 524 Beas Civil State Chil Phone _____

Relative-Friend Marlene McNeil Address same Phone _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Where Injured 16 St Baptist Church Date 9-16-63 Hour _____

Witnesses _____

History (How Injured) _____

How Brought to Hosp. Ambulance

Nature-Extent of Injuries DDA - no evidence of respiratory or heart action - no pulse

X-Ray & Lab Findings _____

Provisional Diagnosis _____

Treatment & Disposition _____

Family Notified By _____ Hour _____

Police-Coroner Notified By _____ Hour _____

Nurses 12 J. McDonald

COMMISSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

W. D. KENDRICK, PRESIDENT

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

E. H. GILMORE

THOMAS B. (TOM) PINSON

OFFICE OF

J. O. BUTLER, CORONER
623 COURT HOUSE

BIRMINGHAM 3, ALABAMA

July 20, 1965

CAROL ROBERTSON (c)

We, J. O. Butler, Coroner and W. L. Allen, Deputy Coroner of Jefferson County, Alabama, certify that we investigated the death of Carol Robertson (c) who came to her death September 15, 1965, and was dead on arrival at the Hillman Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, and that she came to her death from injuries received from a bomb blast at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, by person or persons unknown, same being homicide.

/s/ J. O. Butler
Coroner

/s/ W. L. Allen
Deputy Coroner

I, J. O. Butler, Coroner of Jefferson County, Alabama, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record on file in this office.

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File 5924-A

J. O. Butler
J. O. Butler
Coroner

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF ALABAMA

1. PLACE OF DEATH (City, town, or location) <i>Jefferson</i>		3. BEAT NO. <i>37020</i>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if before admission to institution: Residence before admission) a. STATE <i>Alabama</i> b. COUNTY <i>Jefferson</i>	
4. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <i>Birmingham</i>		c. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		5. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <i>Birmingham</i> 37020	
6. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <i>D.O.C. University</i>		d. LENGTH OF STAY IN IS		7. STREET ADDRESS <i>1021-5th St. No.</i>	
8. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <i>Coral Rosamond Robinson</i>		9. DATE OF DEATH Month <i>9</i> Day <i>15</i> Year <i>63</i>		10. RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
11. SEX <i>Female</i>		12. COLOR OR RACE <i>Col.</i>		13. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	
14. DATE OF BIRTH <i>Apr. 24-1909</i>		15. AGE (In years last birthday) <i>14</i>		16. IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months <i>14</i> Days <i>14</i> Hours <i>14</i> Min.	
17. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of occupation during most of working life) <i>Student</i>		18. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <i>Bham City Sch.</i>		19. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <i>Birmingham, Ala.</i>	
20. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <i>U.S.A.</i>		21. FATHER'S NAME <i>Alvin C. Robinson</i>		22. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <i>Alpha B. Anderson</i>	
23. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE <i>None</i>		24. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, so, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <i>None</i>		25. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <i>None</i>	
26. INFORMANT'S NAME <i>None</i>		27. ADDRESS <i>1021-5th St. No.</i>		28. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <i>Fractured skull and concussion</i>	
29. CONDITIONS, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____		30. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)		31. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH	
32. (Probably) ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		33. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 10.) <i>dynamite blast - bomb</i>			
34. TIME OF HOUR <i>10:22</i>		35. MONTH, DAY, YEAR <i>9-15-63</i>		36. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
37. PLACE OF INJURY (e. g., In or about home, farm, factory, street, office) <i>church</i>		38. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <i>Birmingham</i>		39. COUNTY <i>Jefferson</i>	
40. STATE <i>Alabama</i>		41. I attended the deceased from _____, to _____, and last saw her alive on _____ Death occurred at <i>10:22 A.</i> _____ on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.			
42. SIGNATURE <i>W. R. Allen</i>		43. (Degree or title) <i>Deputy Coroner</i>		44. ADDRESS <i>Birmingham, Alabama</i>	
45. DATE SIGNED <i>9-17-63</i>		46. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <i>Burial</i>		47. DATE <i>9-17-63</i>	
48. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <i>Shodorahaven B'hme</i>		49. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <i>Ala.</i>		50. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <i>Shodorahaven B'hme</i>	
51. FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>Harsupat-Harris</i>		52. ADDRESS <i>SLP 19 1963</i>		53. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>Lommie A. Gibbs</i>	

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

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Carroll Chambers M.D.
Health Officer

Lommie A. Gibbs
Registrar of Vital Statistics

7-17-65
Date of Issue

Mary Houston
Authorized Bureau Clerk

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ADMITTING REPORT

TO THE CORONER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Name of Hospital or Infirmary Hillman's Date 9/16/43Name of person injured Barra D. D. D. Sex Female Color NegroAddress 1021 - 5th St N.Name and address of relative or friend Alvin D. D. D. (father)1021 - 5th St N.Age 14 Civil state Single Occupation _____Time Admitted _____ A.M. _____ P.M. 11:00 Ward _____ Died _____ Date _____ A.M. _____ P.M.Brought to Hospital by ambulanceName of person accompanying him ambulance driver

Address _____

How injured Injured in church bombing

By whom and address _____

Where injured 16th St Baptist ChurchDiagnosis D. O. A.Doctors J. M. DonaldName of Intern _____ Name of Nurse DunbarTreatment on admission See medical recordDisposition of Clothes and Valuables NoneDisposition of Body To Davenport - HarrisInvestigating Officers Pierce, St. H.Coroner notified by phone Batter, Adams

Clerk.

NOTE—Report all cases admitted whose injuries are due to gun shot, knife cut, razor cut and all other injuries from which persons are likely to or do die.

EMERGENCY CLINIC
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL & HILLMAN CLINIC

REPORT OF ACCIDENT

HEC ☐
UEC ☐
(1)

Date 9-16-63
(2-7)

Unit No. _____

Name of Patient Carol Robinson Age 14 Race N-W Sex F Time _____ AM ☐ PM ☐
(8-27) (28-29) (30) (31) (32-35)

Address 1021 - 5 St NW Civil State Engl Phone _____

Relative-Friend Alvin Robinson Address _____ Phone _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Where Injured 16 St Baptist Church Date 9-16-63 Hour _____

Witnesses _____

History (How Injured) DOA

How Brought to Hosp. Ambulance

Nature-Extent of Injuries Non-viable heart action, no palpable pulse, no respiratory effort. DOA

X-Ray & Lab Findings _____

Provisional Diagnosis _____

Treatment & Disposition _____

Family Notified By _____ Hour _____

Police-Coroner Notified By _____ Hour _____

Nurses _____ M.C.

COMMISSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

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THOMAS B. (TOM) PINSON

BIRMINGHAM 3, ALABAMA

July 20, 1965

CYNTHIA WESTLEY (c)

We, J. O. Butler, Coroner and W. L. Allen, Deputy Coroner of Jefferson County, Alabama, certify that we investigated the death of Cynthia Westley, (c) who came to her death September 15, 1963, and was dead on arrival at the Hillman Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, and that she came to her death from injuries received from a bomb blast at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, by person or persons unknown, same being homicide.

/s/ J. O. Butler
Coroner

/s/ W. L. Allen
Deputy Coroner

I, J. O. Butler, Coroner of Jefferson County, Alabama, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record on file in this office.

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Coroner

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF ALABAMA

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Jefferson		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: Residence before admission) a. STATE Alabama b. COUNTY Jefferson	
3. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Birmingham		4. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital, give street address) 16th Street Bapt. Church		6. LENGTH OF STAY IN 15 22 - 11th Ave. No.	
7. NAME OF DECEASED (If type or print) First Cynthia Middle D. Last Wesley		8. DATE OF DEATH Month Sept. Day 15 Year 1963	
9. SEX Female	10. COLOR OR RACE Colored	11. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	12. DATE OF BIRTH 4/30/1949
13. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life) Student		14. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY School	15. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Alabama
16. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA		17. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE None	
18. FATHER'S NAME Claude Wesley		19. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Gertrude Turner	
20. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service)		21. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 14	
22. INFORMANT'S NAME Claude Wesley		23. ADDRESS Claude Wesley	
24. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Compound fractures of head and chest			INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last, DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)			25. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
26a. (Probably) ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		26b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 19.) Dynamite blast	
27. TIME OF INJURY Hour 10:22 a.m. PM Month 9 Day 15 Year 63		28. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office) church	
29. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Birmingham		30. COUNTY Jefferson	
31. STATE Alabama		32. I attended the deceased from _____ to _____ and last saw her/him alive on _____ Death occurred at 10:22 A. on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.	
33. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> (Degree or title) Coroner		34. ADDRESS Birmingham, Alabama	
35. DATE SIGNED 9-18-63		36. DATE OF DEATH 9-15-63	
37. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial		38. DATE 9/18/1963	
39. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Woodlawn		40. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) Birmingham, Alabama	
41. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Poole Funeral Chapel & B'ham, Ala.		42. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. SEP 19 1963	
43. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		44. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

This is to certify that the above is a copy of a certificate as filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson County Health Department, Birmingham, Alabama.

[Signature] M.D.
Health Officer

[Signature]
Registrar of Vital Statistics

1-19-65
Date of Issue

[Signature]
Authorized Bureau Clerk

Not Valid Without Embossed Seal of the Health Officer of Jefferson County, Alabama.

ADMITTING REPORT

TO THE CORONER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Name of Hospital or Infirmary Willman Emergency Date 8/16/63Name of person injured Cynthia G. G. Sex Female Color NegroAddress 5277 11th AveName and address of relative or friend Clarence Haring (father)5277 11th AveAge 14 Civil state Single Occupation _____Time Admitted _____ A.M. _____ P.M. Ward Died _____ Date _____ A.M. _____ P.M.Brought to Hospital by ambulanceName of person accompanying him ambulance driver

Address _____

How injured Trauma received in church bombing

By whom and address _____

Where injured 16th St BaptistDiagnosis D.O.A.Doctors J. M. Donald Jr.Name of Intern [Signature] Name of Nurse DuncanTreatment on admission See medical recordDisposition of Clothes and Valuables NoneDisposition of Body PerleInvestigating Officers Price, HouseCoroner notified by phone Batter, Allen

Clerk.

NOTE—Report all cases admitted whose injuries are due to gun shot, knife cut, razor cut and all other injuries from which persons are likely to or do die.

EMERGENCY CLINIC
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL & HILLMAN CLINIC

REPORT OF ACCIDENT

HEC ☒
UEC ☒
(1)

Date 9-16-63
(2-7)

Unit No. _____

Name of Patient Gynethia Wesley Age 14 Race N-W ☒ Sex F ☒ Time _____ AM PM
(8-27) (28-29) (30) (31) (32-35)

Address 2271 11 Ave Civil State Child Phone _____

Relative-Friend Claude Wesley Address same Phone _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Where Injured 16 St Baptist Church Date 9-16-63 Hour _____

Witnesses _____

History (How Injured) DOA

How Brought to Hosp. On balance

Nature-Extent of Injuries Decapitated - no visible or palpable heart action - no respiratory effort

X-Ray & Lab Findings _____

Provisional Diagnosis DOA

Treatment & Disposition None

Family Notified By _____ Hour _____

Police-Coroner Notified By _____ Hour _____

Nurses 20 M Donald

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II.

RE: THOMAS E. BLANTON, JR.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/15/65

[redacted]
[redacted] advised as follows:

He was questioned regarding the bombing devices found in Birmingham on March 21-22, 1965, and April 1, 1965. He did not know who was responsible for the placing of the above bombing devices.

[redacted] stated he was a member of [redacted] of the Ku Klux Klan in Birmingham from 1961 to 1963, but discontinued his membership in the Klan in 1963 as he did not have enough time to attend meetings.

He said he has been contacted by several Klan members, whose identities he declined to reveal, asking him to rejoin the Klan, but he has declined their invitations.

He claimed the Ku Klux Klan is a good organization provided it is used right. He added that some Klan members advocate violence; however, he would not disclose who these members were. [redacted] reported he does not believe in violence, but he owns a 6-inch barrel .38 caliber revolver. He said the permit for this gun has elapsed.

[redacted] was asked if he knew ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, HERMAN CASH, TOMMY BLANTON, JR., and TROY INGRAM. He stated he did not know any of the above individuals.

He stated he is employed with the Standard Oil Company as a driveway salesman and in this position he keeps books for individuals who open new Standard stations. Once he has established a bookkeeping system for the new station, he goes to another new service station and performs the same function. He advised his home office is located at 801 6th Avenue, South, but he is presently working at the Standard Oil Station at Route 1, Box 4, U. S. Highway #31

On 9/14/65 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 157-1379 & 157-401
by SA [redacted] & SA THOMAS G. MANSFIELD/rvm Date dictated 9/15/65

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[] advised he is a segregationist and does not believe in school integration. He stated the Negroes have better schools in the Birmingham area than the whites do. He added he has no knowledge of the handling of explosives and never received any such training while in the military service.

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The following description was obtained from interview and personal observation:

Name	[]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	[]
Place of birth	[]
Height	5' 10"
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Blond, crew cut
Eyes	Blue
Tattoos	[]
Education	[]
Military service	[]
Employment	[]
Residence	[]
Marital status	[]
Vehicle	[]
Weapon	6" barrel, .38 caliber revolver
Arrests	Claims none

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/18/65

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that she was previously married to [redacted] and that they were divorced in [redacted]. She stated that she had not seen [redacted] for approximately two and one-half years and maintains no connections with her previous in-laws.

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She advised that she could not recall [redacted] ever being a member of the Ku Klux Klan, National States Rights Party, or other similar type organization, nor could she recall him ever making any comments concerning the bombing incidents in the Birmingham area or the racial situation in general.

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She stated that [redacted] associated with [redacted] and [redacted] whom she considers to be "trouble makers;" however, she did not believe these individuals to be members of the Klan, National States Rights Party or other similar type organizations.

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She further advised that her husband had served in the United States Coast Guard, however, he never mentioned his service life or nature of discharge to her and she did not know if [redacted] possessed any knowledge of the use of explosives.

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She stated that her husband did on one occasion carry a revolver, at which time he threatened to kill her and commit suicide if she divorced him. She considered her husband to be a trouble maker and capable of committing violence.

She advised that after she was divorced from [redacted] and dating her present husband, [redacted] on several occasions slashed the tires on her car, broke her car windows, and broke windows in her home. As a result of [redacted] actions, he was arrested in March of 1962 for breach of peace and was

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On 10/13/65 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 157-1374

SAS [redacted] by [redacted] rte Date dictated 10/15/65

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incarcerated in the Birmingham City Jail. While he was in jail, [redacted] parents advised her that they were seeking psychiatric treatment for their son and that they intended to have him committed to a mental institution. She stated that [redacted] parents further advised that [redacted] was released from jail on the provision that he leave the State of Alabama and that [redacted] subsequently moved to [redacted].

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She further advised that [redacted] could not retain employment and occasionally worked for his father who owns [redacted]
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She stated that she had no information concerning the present whereabouts, activities, or associates of [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 12, 1965

[redacted] and presently
an attorney, [redacted]
[redacted] furnished the following information to Special
Agent [redacted] who identified himself to [redacted]
as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

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He advised that sometime in 1949, while he was a detective with the Birmingham Police Department, Police Commissioner EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR assigned him exclusively to the investigation of bombings taking place at that time in the North Smithfield section of Birmingham. He stated FLOYD EDDINS was Chief of Police at that time. [redacted] advised that due to the lapse of time since he investigated the bombings, he may not be able to recall the details, i.e., exact dates and addresses, but he is willing to furnish whatever information he can recall.

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[redacted] advised he recalled an instance about May, 1949, when ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS threatened [redacted] a Negro, then living at [redacted] [redacted] said he thought the incident followed a bombing at [redacted] residence, but it is possible that it occurred when [redacted] was moving into the house at that address. On the night of the incident, he was parked in an unmarked police car near the residence at [redacted] The residents in the area knew he was a Birmingham City Detective because he had investigated previous bombings in that area. [redacted] was walking toward his police car when CHAMBLISS walked up to [redacted] and told him that he, CHAMBLISS, was an employee of the City of Birmingham and that Negroes were not wanted there and had better get out of the area. [redacted] said he did not hear CHAMBLISS say he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

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After threatening [redacted] CHAMBLISS got into the unmarked police car, at which time [redacted] said he told

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On 8/2/65 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 174-6
BH 157-390; 157-695;
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by SA [redacted] / hss Date dictated 8/6/65

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CHAMBLISS to get out of the car. [] said he told CHAMBLISS he did not believe in bombings and he did not want anything to do with CHAMBLISS. He said the Birmingham newspapers publicized CHAMBLISS' threat to [] and the allegation that CHAMBLISS claimed to be a member of the [] of the KKK. A day or two later, []

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Exalted Cyclops of the [] and (FNU) []

[] approached him and asked what they should do about CHAMBLISS' claim to be a member of the Klan.

[] said he told [] they had no choice except to deny that CHAMBLISS was a member of the Klan, as he claimed. [] subsequently issued a public statement denying that CHAMBLISS was a member of the Klan.

[] said that neither [] actually admitted CHAMBLISS was a Klan member. He said CHAMBLISS was subsequently suspended a few days from his job with the City of Birmingham, and he believes the primary reason was because he embarrassed the City when he told [] he was a City employee. [] said he felt certain CHAMBLISS was a Klan member but he had no proof to substantiate his belief.

[] stated he also felt that the Ku Klux Klan was responsible for most of the bombings in Birmingham, but he believes the bombing at 1100 North Center Street in August, 1949, when it was occupied by Rev. BENJAMIN HENDERSON, was done by HENDERSON to collect insurance. During his investigation of that bombing, he determined that HENDERSON had insured his residence for an excessive amount, and not only did he receive his insurance but also received a large amount of money which was contributed by Negroes in the Birmingham area.

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[] said he recalls the incident about April, 1950, when CHAMBLISS was arrested following the bombing of Rev. HENDERSON's residence at 1100 North Center Street. At that time, he was working with [] Alabama Highway Patrol Investigators. When they attempted to interview CHAMBLISS in jail, they were told by []

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Jail Superintendent, that Chief EDDINS had instructed that no one be allowed to interview CHAMBLISS. When one of the [] contacted Chief EDDINS, he told him they could not interview CHAMBLISS and that he, EDDINS, received his orders from someone "higher up", but he did not name the superior from whom he received his orders.

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[] stated he was also assigned to investigate the possibility that Communists were involved in the racial situation, and although he believes they were taking advantage of the racial unrest, he was unable to obtain any proof. He said the Klan apparently was attempting to exclude Communists because [] and [] frequently contacted him and asked him to check different names in the records of the Birmingham Police Department to determine if they were associated with any Communist groups. [] said [] and [] contacted him about twice a week and they usually had two or three names each time, which he checked in the Police Department files. He said he did not find anyone who was affiliated with the Communists. [] subsequently introduced another man, whose name he cannot recall, and this man then furnished the names they wanted checked.

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[] said he believes that about forty percent of the Birmingham Police Officers were Klan members at that time, but the number has probably reduced considerably since then and probably very few are now members of the Klan. He said he has never had any proof that any of the officers were members, but it was his belief that some of them belonged. He was approached by [] who asked him to join the Klan, but he declined.

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[] said there is a possibility that whoever was responsible for the bombings in Birmingham, starting about 1949, could also be responsible for the more recent bombings but, again, he had no proof to substantiate his beliefs.

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[] advised he was a Detective Lieutenant when he resigned from the Birmingham Police Department in 1958 in order to practice law. He added that if he had any information concerning any of the bombings, he would furnish it to the FBI and would cooperate in any way possible.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/3/65

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] was asked if he had obtained any information regarding the bombing devices found in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 21 - 22, 1965, and April 1, 1965. [redacted] replied the only thing he knew about the bombing devices was what he had read in the newspaper.

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[redacted] advised he visits his friend, TROY INGRAM, a couple of times a week as INGRAM is one of his best friends. [redacted] said INGRAM is a "good man" and would not commit or participate in any bombings and he [redacted] has never obtained any information from INGRAM to indicate INGRAM has participated in any bombings.

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[redacted] stated he sees ROBERT CHAMBLISS occasionally but is not a close friend of CHAMBLISS. [redacted] advised he talked to CHAMBLISS about three or four weeks ago but he could not recall what they discussed. [redacted] described CHAMBLISS as being "a wild dog" and if the FBI was interested in bombings the FBI should concentrate on CHAMBLISS. [redacted] was asked what he meant by the preceding statement. [redacted] said, "From the talk, CHAMBLISS is a bomber." [redacted] would not disclose from whom he heard this information that CHAMBLISS was a bomber.

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[redacted] advised he is not a member of the Ku Klux Klan or National States Rights Party and the only organization he belongs to is the Masonic Lodge. [redacted] recalled that Agents [redacted] wanted him to join the Klan but somehow CHAMBLISS found out about this and he did not want to go into the Klan as CHAMBLISS would peg him as an informant.

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Regarding the integration of schools in Alabama, [redacted] stated he does not like it but there is nothing he can do to prevent it and he is not going to do anything to prevent or hinder the integration of the schools.

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On 9/1/65 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 157-452
SAs THOMAS G. MANSFIELD and
[redacted] rte / hss BH 157-352; 174-6
by _____ Date dictated 9/2/65

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[] commented that his daughter graduated from Phillips High School in June of 1964 and attended school with three Negroes. [] advised he has a Negro family residing in back of him and he does not care for this. [] claimed he has traveled 300 to 400 miles in the past month in the Birmingham area looking for a new home but has found the homes too expensive compared to his present house. [] concluded the interview by saying he does not believe in violence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/13/65

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] where he has resided since March of 1965.

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Regarding the bombing devices found in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 21 - 22, 1965 and April 1, 1965, [redacted] said this was the work of a "left wing organization" such as the "Niggers" or Communists to scare and panic people into a racial war. The only information he has received about the bombing devices was what he read in the newspapers.

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[redacted] said he has no personal knowledge nor has he participated in any bombing incidents in Birmingham. [redacted] was specifically questioned regarding the bombings which occurred in the Smithfield Section in 1949. He claimed this was the work of the NAACP or "some left wing organization." He said he had never received any information that ROBERT CHAMBLISS was responsible for the bombings. [redacted] disclosed that the residents of the Smithfield Section in 1949 formed their own real estate company, the College Hills Real Estate Company, to maintain the integrity and segregation of the neighborhood. [redacted] advised no southern white man would commit a bombing.

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[redacted] reported he last saw ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS about two years ago and his knowledge of CHAMBLISS was furnished to FBI Agents who interviewed him in 1964. [redacted] only remark about CHAMBLISS was that CHAMBLISS was "very outspoken in favor of segregation."

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[redacted] advised he is not now nor has he ever been a member of the Ku Klux Klan or the National States Rights Party. He said he is a member of the United Americans for Conservative Government and he is president of the Hoover Academy, a private white school, with grades running from one through six.

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[redacted] stated he is not a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY as the Birch Society is not far enough

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On 9/9/65 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 174-6 BH 157-390
by SAS THOMAS G. MANSFIELD and [redacted]:rte Date dictated 9/10/65

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to the right to suit him. [] disclosed he is a segregationist and will use every means within his power to legally fight the Communists and Negroes. [] said he believes Negroes should vote but they should pass a voting test administered by state officials, based on state requirements. [] added that schools and restaurants should be segregated. [] claimed nothing should be denied the Negroes they can legally earn.

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[] claimed more Negroes know how to handle dynamite in the Birmingham area than the white people due to the fact that many Negroes are employed as laborers in the coal mines and they could easily pilfer dynamite to manufacture a bomb.

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[] concluded the interview by stating he would furnish the FBI any information he receives about any bombings.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 8, 1965

[redacted] was interviewed at the Birmingham Office of the FBI on September 29, 1965.

He was interviewed exhaustively concerning his contact with [redacted] of the old Federated Klan, and [redacted], who was the former Exalted Cyclops of the Federated Klan. In addition, he was interviewed with regard to his knowledge of the activities of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, and others who may have been involved in the dynamitings which have occurred in the Birmingham area over the past twenty years. He was specifically questioned about all thirtythree bombing incidents in the Birmingham area during the past twenty years.

[redacted] advised that he had been a member of the Federated Klan in 1947, and later switched to Ace Carter's Klan which met at the Central Park Theater.

He advised that he was born and raised in [redacted] and came to [redacted] to work, and came here to live in [redacted]. Prior to this, he lived in the [redacted] section, and subsequent to [redacted] he lived at [redacted].

He joined the William Hugh Morris Federated Klan in Birmingham in [redacted], and was commuting here from his home in [redacted]. At that time, ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, a man named [redacted], and a man named [redacted] were members of the Klokan of his Klavern. He said that the Klokan was the action committee of the Klavern, of which he was never considered a member. He said that the other members of the Klan were of the opinion that he was a coward, which he felt was a fairly accurate description of himself, and as a result, he was never asked to join the Klokan, although he did become secretary of the Federated Klan of [redacted].

On 9/29/65 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 157-325
BH 174-6
by SA [redacted]:ela Date dictated 10/4/65

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He said that CHAMBLISS and others of the Klokan never mentioned any violence of any sort on the Klavern floor; however, they would meet in a room just off the main Klavern Hall, where apparently violent activities were planned.

[] said that in [] may have been a member of the Klan, and at the same time a member of the Klokan. He said that it was members of the Klokan in 1949 who were indicted in regard to various floggings which occurred in and around the Birmingham area. He mentioned that ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, FNU LOLLAR, and FNU [] were indicted in the floggings, along with one []

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[] He said that all these men were to his knowledge members of the Klokan. He mentioned also that [], the older man, was a member of the Klokan, in addition to a younger man who was a warrant officer with the National Guard. He noted at this point that he felt that the younger [] never actually joined the Klan. He mentioned at this time that ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS was then, and is still, known as "DYNAMITE" CHAMBLISS or "DYNAMITE" BOBBY.

With regard to the bombing of the residence of Rev. E. B. DEYANPERT, 1104 North Center Street, August 12, 1949, [] recalled that he had seen CHAMBLISS in a restaurant shortly thereafter. On this occasion, CHAMBLISS was laughing with about four or five other men, and bragging that he knew that when he went by the "Negro's house", they were shot at. [] stated that it is very possible CHAMBLISS was referring to this particular incident, in which after a dynamite blast had occurred at a Negro home, the Negro fired on the assailants as they left the area hurriedly in an automobile. CHAMBLISS at this time was driving about a 1946 Chevrolet. [] said that FNU [], who was possibly a member of the Klokan at that time, was an employee of the Hercules Dynamite Plant outside of Birmingham, and may have been CHAMBLISS' source of dynamite.

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With regard to the burning of the residence of BENJAMIN W. HENDERSON, 1100 North Center, Street, on April 22, 1950, TALLANT recalled that CHAMBLISS frequently would refer to the fact that he would like to put a match to something.

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[] said that CHAMBLISS was an egotist, who was constantly bragging about his abilities, and his hatred of Negroes.

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In 1956, []
in Central Park.

With regard to the December 25, 1956, bombing of the home of Rev. F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH, 2191 29th Avenue, North, W. H. JONES, who was a member of Ace Carter's Klan, drove a dark blue Plymouth, and was an Exalted Cyclops. [] said that it is possible that the Plymouth of JONES may have been involved in this bombing.

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With regard to the December 31, 1956, explosion at the home of [] [] advised that he heard this explosion, and he, his foreman, and FNU [] drove out to the site of the house from Virginia Steel Company, to look over the damage. He stated he felt that [] might possibly have been connected with this dynamiting, but could furnish no positive information concerning this.

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From 1957 to the present, [] has not been a member of any Klan-type organization, although at times he has been associated with National States Rights Party (NSRP) members, including []

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He said that he has met [] only one time, and this was about 1958. He said that based on his contacts with [], he feels that [] is similar in temperament to ROBERT CHAMBLISS, and could possibly be violent enough to have pulled, or organized, or arranged some of the dynamitings which have occurred in the Birmingham area.

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He noted that with regard to the July 17, 1958, explosion at two homes located at [] and [] Sergeant [] of the Birmingham Police Department had told him that he had set a trap for [] by trying to tempt him to arrange a bombing. [] apparently saw through the trap, and refused to have any part of it.

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[redacted] added that he has had no contact with [redacted] or with [redacted] since 1951 or 1952. He stated that his association with CHAMBLISS has been limited to one contact at a rally, since he left the Klan of which CHAMBLISS was a member. He said that he has heard since that CHAMBLISS has bad stomach trouble, and is actually quite sick.

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He stated that the reason he left the Ace Carter Klan was because of the membership of this Klan. He said that many of the members were from the Anniston, Alabama, area, and always were armed. He said that [redacted] was a name that stuck in his mind as one person who always carried a weapon. He could not state where [redacted] was from.

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He stated that if any information should come to his attention concerning the bombing incidents which have occurred in the Birmingham area, based on his past contacts with the Klan, he would be more than willing to furnish this information to the FBI.

He noted that he has had no contact with any Klan-type organization since his arrest in 1958, and has not been involved with the NSRP. In addition, he noted that [redacted] Mary Carter Paints in 1959 and 1960, and as such, recalls no Klansman ever buying green paint from him.

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He furnished no additional pertinent information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 28, 1965

[redacted]
[redacted] a former Birmingham City Detective and presently employed by the DUPONT COMPANY as a guard, was advised of the identity of interviewing Agent. He furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

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He recalls investigating several bombings in Birmingham in 1949-1950 and recalls ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, who was an employee of the City of Birmingham. [redacted] stated, however, that due to the lapse in time he cannot recall any of the details obtained during the investigations and does not recall any specific arrest of CHAMBLISS, although he vaguely remembers CHAMBLISS being questioned concerning bombings on "Dynamite Hill". He stated he believes they were "just fishing" when CHAMBLISS was questioned about the bombings.

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On 10/18/65 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 174-6
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1Date November 23, 1965

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and voluntarily gave the following information:

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He stated he [redacted] in 1956. He remained in the Klan for a period of about one year, at which time he quit because it was his feeling that the Klan had changed its policy from a political one to one that he did not know anything about. [redacted] stated he does not remember the names of any of the Klan members who attended the meetings in 1956.

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[redacted] stated that during the time he was an active Klan member he met ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS. He said he still knows CHAMBLISS and talks with him whenever they meet. [redacted] said he has not seen or spoken with CHAMBLISS for about a year. He stated he has never heard CHAMBLISS speak of bombings or any other type of violence. In fact, he says that CHAMBLISS is a very pleasant type of fellow. [redacted] further stated that during the time he attended Klan meetings, he never heard any discussion of violence at the meetings.

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[redacted] stated he has never been approached by the Klan to rejoin and stated he has no desire to rejoin. He added that if he hears any information concerning past violence or proposed violence, he will notify the FBI.

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He stated he has a Citizens Band Radio in his car, which he uses in conjunction with his work as a Reserve Police Officer and Civil Defense member.

[redacted] viewed several photographs from which he picked out THOMAS E. BLANTON, JR., THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., and BOBBY FRANK CHERRY as persons who are connected with the Klan, but whose names he does not know. He definitely identified a photograph of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS as being a member of the Tarrant City Klavern.

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by SA [redacted] and
SA [redacted] PTL:hss Date dictated 11/17/65

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The following investigation was conducted at Montgomery, Alabama, by SA SPENCER H. ROBB:

On November 17, 1965, Captain J. F. POWELL, Personnel Officer, Alabama Department of Public Safety, advised that the currently listed address for former Investigator BEN L. ALLEN is Route 1, Bainbridge Heights, Sheffield, Alabama.

On November 19, 1965, Major W. L. ALLEN, Chief, Service Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, advised he has a strong recollection of investigating numerous dynamitings in the Smithfield area of Birmingham in 1949-1950.

He recalls that he and former State Investigator BEN ALLEN, who worked with him on these investigations, received no cooperation from the City or County officials during the investigations, and any cooperation they received was strictly on the part of individual officers who talked to them without knowledge or permission of their superiors. He recalls Detective [] was one who tried to cooperate, but it is his recollection that even [] was badly hampered in his efforts to investigate the bombings.

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Major ALLEN stated that "BULL" CONNOR, who was Police Commissioner in Birmingham at that time, was the person who hampered the investigations by his own department and prevented cooperation with State Investigators. ALLEN stated, in his opinion, CONNOR was playing for the vote of the Ku Klux Klan and similar elements in that area.

ALLEN continued that the investigative efforts of BEN ALLEN and himself produced no tangible evidence whatever, and although he recalls R. E. CHAMBLISS and [] being highly suspect by all investigators working on the bombings, no proof of any type was developed against them to his knowledge.

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ALLEN stated he recalls that Detective [] called him and BEN ALLEN one morning and said he had picked up R. E. CHAMBLISS late the night before and put him in the City Jail, intending to go by and talk to him about the bombing the next morning. [] told him that he went by about 8:00 A.M. to talk to CHAMBLISS and was told that "BULL" CONNOR had issued orders that he was not to interview CHAMBLISS. [] asked him and BEN ALLEN to go to the jail and see if they could talk to CHAMBLISS. They went to the jail and were refused permission to see CHAMBLISS. They later learned that CHAMBLISS was released at or before 9:30 A.M. that date, supposedly on orders of CONNOR.

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ALLEN stated he and BEN ALLEN made reports of all investigations they made in these bombings, and while he doubts seriously that the reports contain any information of value at this time, he is sure copies of the reports would be made available if desired.

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Date November 24, 1965

Mr. W. COOPER GREEN, President of the County Commission, Room 201, Jefferson County Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and he voluntarily furnished the following information:

He recalls ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS very well, who was an employee of the City of Birmingham at the City Garage when GREEN was Mayor during September, 1949. He described CHAMBLISS as "crazy, nuts, and a fanatic."

He recalled that during the latter part of 1949 CHAMBLISS smashed the flash gun of a newspaper man's camera at a Ku Klux Klan meeting held at Warrior, Alabama, and as a result of this, he told CHAMBLISS to either "quit or be fired." Prior to this incident, CHAMBLISS had been suspended for ten days for conduct unbecoming a city employee in connection with the threatened bombing of a house in the North Smithfield area; that CHAMBLISS was one of the men who had been indicted by the Grand Jury on a charge of flogging while masked earlier in 1949.

Mr. GREEN stated he had no proof regarding the threats of CHAMBLISS to bomb a house in the North Smithfield area, having only reports from persons who allegedly overheard CHAMBLISS make these remarks. He did not recall the identities of these persons.

Mr. GREEN had no facts regarding the charge against CHAMBLISS of "flogging while masked", but did recall that CHAMBLISS was indicted by the Grand Jury. Mr. GREEN stated he was told by GEORGE COOK, Reporter for "The Post", that CHAMBLISS had smashed the flash gun of his camera. It was the result of the above incident that Mayor GREEN told CHAMBLISS to "quit or be fired." CHAMBLISS did not quit but appeared before the Mayor, Commissioner EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR and Commissioner J. W. MORGAN. Mr.

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GREEN stated CHAMBLISS was sullen at the hearing and was fired.

GREEN stated that for about two weeks after CHAMBLISS was fired, he parked his car in front of GREEN's house for hours each day and upset his wife. He stated he did not notify the police about this because he thought he could handle the situation himself.

GREEN also stated that after CHAMBLISS was fired he appeared in the Bush Hills section of Birmingham, where the Mayor lived, stating that the Mayor said if enough people signed a petition, he would be reinstated. Mr. GREEN stated this was a deliberate lie and when the petition was brought to him he tore it up.

GREEN stated that everybody around the Jefferson County Courthouse believes CHAMBLISS was certainly in some way involved in the bombing of the Baptist Church in September, 1963. He stated he had no other information regarding any bombing activities or acts of violence on the part of CHAMBLISS.

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1Date November 29, 1965

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] advised he is residing with [redacted] MARY E. BURTON. [redacted] was informed by SA [redacted] that he need not make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was also informed of his right to consult with an attorney, or anyone else, of his choice before making a statement.

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[redacted] advised he had no information concerning the bombing incidents in Birmingham on March 21-22 and April 1, 1965. [redacted] added that he informed FBI Agents of this fact when interviewed in June, 1965.

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[redacted] was questioned concerning whether he had planned the bombing of the Gaston Motel and residence of Reverend A. D. W. KING in May, 1963. [redacted] denied that he had planned or participated in these bombings. [redacted] was also asked if he and ROBERT CHAMBLISS had ever set any fire bombs. [redacted] stated he has never set any fire bombs with anyone. He claimed he has never met ROBERT CHAMBLISS, but about two years ago he saw CHAMBLISS at a couple of meetings of United Americans For Conservative Government. [redacted] said he learned of CHAMBLISS' identity when CHAMBLISS was arrested by the police and CHAMBLISS' picture appeared in the local newspaper.

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[redacted] reported he is presently receiving a disability pension and has no plans for working anywhere.

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SA THOMAS G. MANSFIELD and BH 157-244; BH 157-241
SA [redacted] / TGM:hss BH 157-390
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date November 30, 1965

[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment. [redacted] was questioned concerning any current information he might possess regarding the activities of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS.

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[redacted] advised that he last saw CHAMBLISS approximately one year ago, but that was from some distance. [redacted] related that he and CHAMBLISS had a run-in approximately fifteen years ago and since that time they have not spoken. [redacted] stated that fifteen years ago he and CHAMBLISS were members of the Ku Klux Klan and at that time, CHAMBLISS accused him of beating up a man in Adamsville, Alabama. [redacted] advised that CHAMBLISS at that time went to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office with a Klan robe which had blood on it and told the Sheriff that the robe belonged to [redacted]

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[redacted] stated CHAMBLISS's accusations were all false and that he threatened to kill CHAMBLISS over this incident.

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[redacted] advised he knows nothing of the activities of CHAMBLISS and would have no way of knowing if CHAMBLISS was in any way involved in the bombing incidents in Birmingham in March and April of 1965.

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1Date December 2, 1965

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] was interviewed in his vehicle at 5th Avenue and 24th Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama. [redacted] throughout the interview, was very nervous and had a .38 caliber revolver placed by his side.

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[redacted] related that [redacted] was ROBERT CHAMBLISS [redacted] said he is [redacted] CHAMBLISS and has had little contact with CHAMBLISS in the last five or six years. [redacted] advised he last saw CHAMBLISS about one and one-half years ago at Hill's Grocery in North Birmingham, and at that time CHAMBLISS told him he had been sick. [redacted] advised that CHAMBLISS contacted him around 1960 and wanted him to join the Klan, but [redacted] reported he was working for the mine workers and by joining the Klan, he would lose his job. Thus, he declined CHAMBLISS' offer to join the Klan.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is residing somewhere in [redacted] but he does not know the city.

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Regarding the bombing incidents in Birmingham in March and April, 1965, [redacted] advised he thought this was the work of Negroes to gain publicity and sympathy.

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by SA THOMAS G. MANSFIELD / hss Date dictated 12/3/65

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1Date December 13, 1965

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that [redacted] is his wife's brother
and, in turn, [redacted] ROBERT E.
CHAMBLISS' wife.

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[redacted] advised from from 1950 until 1953 he worked
at [redacted] and he observed ROBERT CHAMBLISS visiting
[redacted] but never heard what they discussed. [redacted] also
stated he has not seen CHAMBLISS in over four years and knows
nothing of CHAMBLISS' current activities. He added he has
never visited CHAMBLISS' home, nor has CHAMBLISS ever visited
his home.

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by SA THOMAS G. MANSFIELD / hss Date dictated 12/8/65

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IV.

RE: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
[redacted] at Birmingham, Alabama:

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On June 23, 1965, [redacted], Merchants Credit Association,
advised that [redacted] has been in her files since
February 5, 1965. As of that time he was residing with [redacted]

At that time he was single, and no employment was shown. He
had a satisfactory credit rating.

[redacted] also furnished the following information
regarding [redacted] who
has been in her files since November 17, 1947:

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Present residence:
Former residence:

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Employment:

Relatives:
Wife:

Son:

Credit rating:

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[redacted] advised that her records also reflect that
[redacted] was arrested on the following dates:

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] had applied for allowances under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act on March 26, 1947 and that he drew \$280.00 in allowances illegally from May 20, 1947 to August 19, 1947. She stated that [redacted] has since repaid the \$280.00 owed. She advised that he violated this act by receiving unemployment compensation while actually employed.

On June 23, 1965, [redacted] Identification Officer, Birmingham Police Department, and [redacted] Identification Officer, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, both advised that they could not locate any arrest record in their files identifiable with [redacted]

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On July 7, 1965, investigation at Connector Products Corporation, Pinson Highway, Jefferson County, Alabama, determined that [redacted] has been employed by that firm since about March 1, 1965, and that he is currently working the 4:30 PM to 1:00 A.M. shift.

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On July 19, 1965, [redacted] was reinterviewed at which time his fingerprints were secured for comparison with the unidentified latent fingerprints in this matter.

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Date July 27, 1965

[redacted] advised he was well aware that he did not have to furnish any information; that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law; that he could have the services of an attorney before furnishing any information. [redacted] said he had nothing to conceal and voluntarily furnished the following information in the presence of [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. LENNIE M. CHERRY.

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[redacted] is presently residing with [redacted] who, he noted, have raised him from a young age. He is currently employed as an electronic fabricator - IBM wiring specialist since about March 1, 1965, at Connector Products Corporation, Pinson Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, and assigned to the 4:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. shift.

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According to [redacted] he has no knowledge whatsoever concerning any of the past bombings in the Birmingham area. He added he is not now nor ever has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan, National States Rights Party, or any similar organizations. [redacted] occasionally visits [redacted] BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, in Ensley. Most of these visits are to fix TV and radio sets [redacted] obtains from neighbors for repair. He added that he has recently helped his uncle install his Citizens Band receiver and Citizens Band antenna at his uncle's residence. He expects to be visiting his uncle on several occasions in the immediate future in order to install a Citizens Bank transmitter at that residence.

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[redacted] stated he has never been asked by [redacted] about making any timing devices for explosives and has never heard his uncle discuss past acts of violence. He advised he has never made any timing devices himself nor has he ever advised anyone how to do so. He said he does not associate with anyone who is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and added he does not know HERMAN FRANK CASH, THOMAS E. BLANTON, JR., or ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS. [redacted] stated he does know THOMAS E. "POP" BLANTON,

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SR., having met him on an occasion at his uncle's house some-time ago.

Upon further interview, [] stated that with some thought, an individual could devise several ways to fashion a timing device for exploding a bomb, using an alarm clock as a basic component. He indicated the clock could be wired into a circuit utilizing a blasting cap and a one and a half volt battery in such a way that when the alarm mechanism went off, the alarm wind key, on the clock's reverse side, would unwind and subsequently make contact with the exposed end of the charged wire. Thus the circuit would be completed.

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He added that at his place of business, missile destructive systems are fundamentally manufactured. The manufacturing is limited to the making of the system's housing and circuit board. He noted that the system is completed by the addition of wiring and explosives, which is done at Huntsville, Alabama, by NASA. He mentioned that although he knows of the fundamental manufacture of such a system by his company, he has nothing to do with this process while in his present position at Connector Products Corporation.

[] voluntarily submitted to being fingerprinted for elimination and comparison purposes during the time of his interview.

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The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[]	aka
Race	White	
Sex	Male	
Age	[]	
Date of Birth		
Place of Birth		
Height	6'	
Weight	155	

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Build
Hair
Eyes
Education

Slender
Brown
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Marital Status
Social Security No.
Selective Service No.

Single

FCC Commercial
License No.

Arrests
Employed

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RE: TROY INGRAM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date September 4, 1965

TROY INGRAM was interviewed at his place of business behind his home in the Cahaba Heights Section of Birmingham, Alabama, and after being advised by the interviewing Agents of the nature of the interview that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he might make could subsequently be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult legal counsel before making any statement, furnished the following information:

INGRAM stated that he last saw ROBERT CHAMBLISS the previous Wednesday, August 25, 1965, when CHAMBLISS came to his home to have repairs made to his automobile. He stated that he discussed only things of a social nature with CHAMBLISS and did not discuss anything concerning the current racial situation in Birmingham or anything to do with bombings or violence with CHAMBLISS. INGRAM stated also that he was visited at his home by [redacted] sometime during the previous weekend of August 21 - 22, 1965. He was reluctant to discuss any of his conversations with [redacted] at this time and denied that he and [redacted] discussed anything concerning the current racial problems going on in [redacted] neighborhood. It was brought out to INGRAM that some of [redacted] neighbors are exhibiting large bill board-type signs on their front yards which state generally "this home not for sale to 'niggers'" and INGRAM stated that he was aware of the existence of these signs but denied that he has ever discussed these signs with [redacted]. INGRAM advised, as he has in the past, that he has known [redacted] since they were young boys together in school and that his current dealings with him are of a social nature as opposed to anything to do with "Negro problems."

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When questioned whether or not he knows ELMER BAILEY BROCK, former police chief of Brookside, Alabama, INGRAM stated that he knew BROCK several years ago but he has not seen him in four or five years and has no idea where he is currently living or what he is currently doing for a living. INGRAM was reluctant to admit whether or not he knew that BROCK was ever a member of the Klan until it was

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by SA [redacted] and
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pointed out to him that a newspaper article once appeared which stated that he (INGRAM) and BROCK both resigned from the Alabama Klan at the same time over a dispute which arose between the Alabama Klan and Georgia Klan over the use of various Klan signs and symbols, at which time INGRAM stated he recalled that he and BROCK were both members of the Alabama Klan in approximately 1949 and recalled that they both resigned at the same time.

INGRAM, who was very cordial to the interviewing Agents, stated as he has in the past, that he has no knowledge whatsoever concerning who might have bombed the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church or committed the bombings in Birmingham in the past year in which full cases of dynamite were used. He also stated once again that he is very willing to cooperate with the FBI in reaching a solution to these bombings and would do anything in his power to aid us in this investigation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/16/65

TROY INGRAM, 3317 East Street, Cahaba Heights, Birmingham, Alabama, advised he had been ill recently and had been completely inactive, only staying at home and working in the auto repair shop he runs adjacent to his residence. He stated he has had no contact recently with his former associates such as the BLANTONS, and saw ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS only once recently, that being a short visit when CHAMBLISS was in the hospital about a month ago. INGRAM stated he has heard of no particular activity on anyone's part and again advised he could furnish no information of any value regarding any of the Birmingham bombings.

INGRAM stated he now owns and drives a 1959 Oldsmobile sedan bearing 1966 Alabama license 1-42608 and he no longer uses his 1953 Cadillac.

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(Cahaba Heights) BH 157-352
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by SA Date dictated 12/16/65

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VI.

RE: LEON NEGRON

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 19, 1965

LEON NEGRON, owner and operator, Negron's Store, Daisey City, Jefferson County, Alabama, was recontacted on July 15, 1965, for any additional information he might have concerning the identities of persons who may have purchased electric blasting caps from him that were received by him on November 30, 1964.

NEGRON furnished the following information during the course of this interview:

NEGRON was very cordial to the agents during this interview, and once again went through the story previously furnished by him that he vaguely remembered telling [] to order 200 pounds of dynamite (four cases) for BUDDY LOLLAR of [] and telling her at the same time to order fifty electric blasting caps. When questioned as to whether he ordered the fifty electric blasting caps for BUDDY LOLLAR, NEGRON stated that he ordered them on a specific request from somebody, but that he was unable to recall who it was. He stated after giving it considerable thought over the past several months, he has decided that to the best of his knowledge, it was a boy named CANTRELL at Graysville, Alabama, but he cannot be absolutely sure. He also stated that he remembers vaguely telling his wife to order cheap electric caps. NEGRON continued by stating that he remembers the dynamite after it was delivered, because it had been placed on the concrete stoop directly outside the front door of his store, but that he did not remember the DuPont driver personally delivering this dynamite. He stated he then loaded the dynamite in the back of his pickup truck, and personally drove it over and delivered it to BUDDY LOLLAR at Brookside, Alabama. He stated LOLLAR was personally present when he delivered this dynamite to him.

When it was pointed out to NEGRON that LOLLAR had previously furnished information stating that NEGRON had delivered only two cases of dynamite to him and brought it

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by SA [] and
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to his house and placed it on the front porch, NEGRO explained that he is well aware that LOLLAR is talking against him, but attributed this to the fact that LOLLAR owes him a sum of money, believed to be in the vicinity of \$89.00, and that recently he (NEGRON) has had to go and see a Magistrate and get a "garnishment against LOLLAR." He stated that this legal action by him has recently resulted in LOLLAR paying \$10.00 toward this debt.

NEGRON continued by stating that he has given this matter considerable thought over the past several weeks, and tried very hard to remember what disposition he made of the blasting caps, if he received them. He stated once again that he cannot remember whether or not he did receive them, but stated that if DuPont said they delivered them, they probably did, and if he received them in a delivery from DuPont, he probably sent them along with an order to the City of Graysville, since they were one of his major customers for electric blasting caps at that time. NEGRON explained that it was customary business procedure for him to receive periodic orders from the City of Graysville, through their agent FNU CANTRELL, and to fill these orders and have them picked up by CANTRELL, while at the same time keeping a running bill, for some time as long as two or three months, before he submitted it to the City of Graysville for payment. He stated it is very possible these caps could have been placed with an order for the City of Graysville, and marked down on this running bill, and not have been submitted for payment for maybe as long as two months following the delivery of these caps. NEGRON advised that he was not offering this as an absolute solution concerning what happened to these caps, but only was offering it was a possible solution to what might have happened to them.

NEGRON advised that he does not usually stock electric blasting caps in his store in the ordinary course of business, but orders them only when he has a specific order given to him by a customer. He stated, however, that because customers will sometimes order them and not take them all once they are delivered, or neglect picking them up altogether after they are delivered, he has on occasion had several electric blasting caps in stock on the shelves in his store. He stated further, however, that he has not had any in stock on his shelves since he was picked up by the local Birmingham Police and had his entire stock of dynamite and blasting caps confiscated.

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When it was pointed out to NEGRON instances where he had furnished certain information upon interview, and upon later interview furnished different information concerning the same statement of fact, NEGRON advised that since he has been interviewed so many times by so many different people, and has had facts presented to him by the interviewers, he has perhaps, upon occasion, become confused and made statements, upon occasion, that did not coincide with statements made previously by him. He stated, however, that if he has made any mistakes of fact in answering questions in the past, they had been accidental and inadvertent, because in all instances, he has tried to state the truth to the best of his knowledge to every question ever asked of him by a law enforcement officer.

When requested to specifically furnish a list of customers he has had for electric blasting caps in the past, NEGRON advised that his primary customers over the years have been [redacted] and FNU [redacted], all of Adamsville, Alabama; and the City of Graysville, Alabama, through their engineer, FNU CANTRELL. He stated, further, that an individual by the name of [redacted] was a major customer of his for dynamite and electric blasting caps, up until about three years ago, but since he has gone out of the coal mining business, he has not dealt with him for several years.

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RE: TRAVIS M. "TRIGGER" CANTRELL

On August 27, 1965, [redacted] Merchants Credit Association, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information from her files to SA [redacted] concerning TRAVIS M. CANTRELL:

Credit Association file, dated April 3, 1957, reflected that CANTRELL and [redacted] have been in the files since 1951. He was born in 1923 and is presently employed by the Maintenance Department of the City of Graysville, Alabama, since approximately 1952. He and [redacted]

[redacted] said CANTRELL had previously resided in Arley, Alabama, and was believed to have been employed by the Daniel Construction Company, Birmingham, sometime prior to his present employment.

[redacted] added that a newspaper clipping, dated June 28, 1953, reflected that CANTRELL [redacted] had suffered serious neck injuries, resulting from a fall from a swing.

According to [redacted] CANTRELL has not traded on a wide credit basis, but in all instances, he has handled his accounts in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

On August 27, 1965, [redacted] Identification Division, Birmingham Police Department, and [redacted] Identification Officer, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, both advised SA [redacted] they were unable to locate any record in their respective files identifiable with CANTRELL.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 5, 1965

TRAVIS M. "TRIGGER" CANTRELL, 441 4th Avenue, Southwest, Graysville, Alabama, advised that he is presently employed by the Maintenance Department of the City of Graysville, and in connection with his employment is the principal dynamite shooter for the city.

CANTRELL stated that he last purchased blasting caps and dynamite from the store of LEON NEGRON during October, 1965. He added these caps would not have four foot leg wires to his knowledge, because he never uses this particular type cap. He stated he has never purchased caps with four foot leg wires from NEGRON or anyone else, and has not purchased any type of dynamite or blasting caps from NEGRON since that time. He advised that over the past four years, he has been buying dynamite, caps, and explosive accessories almost exclusively from NEGRON. He noted that on rare occasions, when a large amount of dynamite was required, he would order directly from the DuPont Explosives Company. He stated that it has been at least four or five years since an order was placed by him directly with DuPont.

CANTRELL stated that he has known NEGRON for about the past ten years, mainly because of their business contacts. He added that over the period of years, he has occasionally stopped at Negron's Store for a visit, when his work would take him into the area of the store. He stated he has always gotten along well with NEGRON, and knows of no derogatory information concerning him.

During further interview, CANTRELL furnished the additional information that he only buys dynamite and blasting caps for the City of Graysville as they are needed for a particular job. When he would place an order with NEGRON for dynamite accessories, he would subsequently pick up the total order personally. He never has left part of an order with NEGRON for future use. He added that he has never been a big customer of explosives and accessories from NEGRON,

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since the Maintenance Department of the City of Graysville has very few occasions to use dynamite, and usually only used dynamite for blasting rocks which necessitate first drilling holes into the rock deeper than four feet, therefore requiring blasting caps with six feet, eight feet, or longer leg wires.

CANTRELL stated that he has never purchased dynamite or blasting caps from NEGRON for his personal use. He added he is not now, nor has ever been, a member of the Ku Klux Klan, National States Rights Party, or similar such organizations. He added that he has never been invited to join any such organizations.

According to CANTRELL, he, himself, has usually picked up explosive accessories from NEGRON when they were needed by the Maintenance Department, but added that it was possible other employees of the Graysville Maintenance Department could have picked up past such orders from NEGRON. He added these men, who are also employed by the Maintenance Department, could have gone in his place to pick up such orders from LEON NEGRON. He identified the men as JAMES HUDDLESTON; his brother, PATE HUDDLESTON; [REDACTED] and DAVID PATTEN. CANTRELL noted, however, that these men, for the most part, are as experienced as he is in shooting dynamite, and would to his knowledge never purchase electric blasting caps with four foot leg wires.

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CANTRELL advised that he could not recall his exact whereabouts during March 21-22, 1965, and May 1, 1965, due to the passage of time, but added he very rarely leaves his residence during weekday nights, and is usually at home during weekends. CANTRELL stated that he did not know the following individuals:

ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS

TROY INGRAM

THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR.

THOMAS E. BLANTON, JR.

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BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

HERMAN CASH

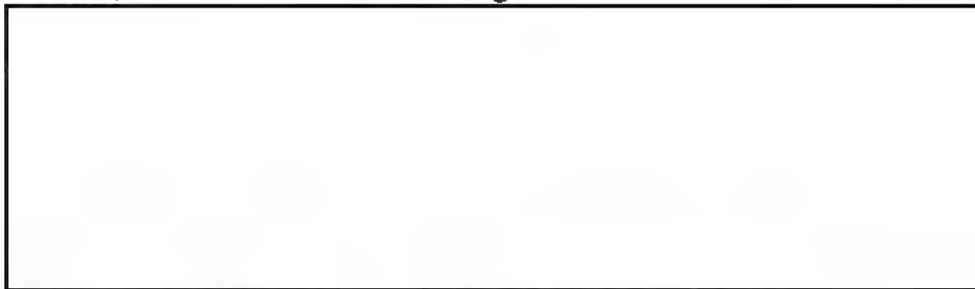
CHARLES CAGLE



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The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	TRAVIS M. "TRIGGER" CANTRELL
Residence:	441 4th Avenue, Southwest, Graysville, Alabama
Telephone:	674-5213
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	July 25, 1923
Place of Birth:	Winston County, Alabama
Height:	6'
Weight:	195 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Gray, balding
Complexion:	Dark
Build:	Large



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Military Service:	United States Navy, 1942 (6 weeks), Serial Number unrecalled.
Social Security #:	417-24-6752
Employment:	Presently employed Maintenance Department, City of Graysville, Alabama, (12 1/2 years, 8 AM to 5 PM Shift)

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Past Employments:

H. A. Buckgauna Construction
Company, North Birmingham;
G. E. Reid (Reid Mines),
Jefferson County, Alabama.

Arrest Record:

Admits arrest, November, 1964,
for illegal possession of
untaxed whiskey, by Winston
County Sheriff's Office,
and fined \$300.

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Date August 10, 1965

EURSTON PAUL LOLLAR, 1617 32nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, was contacted for interview at the E. I. de Nemours DuPont and Company.

LOLLAR stated he vaguely recalls all of the facts concerning the delivery of dynamite and number 6 blasting caps to the store of LEON NEGRON on November 30, 1964. LOLLAR stated that prior to the interview, he reviewed invoices covering this delivery, and as a result, determined that he was the truck driver who had delivered four cases of dynamite and a box of number 6 electric blasting caps to NEGRON on November 30, 1964. He added, however, that the only thing he could recall about the transaction was that LEON NEGRON was present at the time of delivery, since he recalled that NEGRON had asked LOLLAR to leave the four cases of dynamite on the platform outside of the store. He added NEGRON at the time stated to LOLLAR that "someone is coming to pick it up." LOLLAR stated he could not recall the circumstances surrounding the delivery of the number 6 blasting caps, and stated that to his knowledge, NEGRON did not make any comment concerning them. He stated he believed he took the box of number 6 blasting caps, containing fifty such caps, inside the store, after leaving the dynamite outside on the platform, since it is standard procedure to separate blasting caps from dynamite. He additionally advised he believes he placed the blasting caps on the counter in Negron's Store, since this was the normal procedure in previous orders.

LOLLAR stated he was positive that at the time of delivery, there was no mistake as to the dynamite or blasting caps as specified in the order received by his company from NEGRON. He stated he therefore was positive that he did not have to return to his company to bring back an additional type of blasting cap, since the original blasting caps delivered were incorrect as stated by the order.

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In connection with this, he stated that he had heard from either J. J. SMITH or AUGUST CONORT, who are also employed as truck drivers by DuPont, that on an occasion sometime prior to November, 1964, one of these drivers had made a delivery to NEGRON, consisting of dynamite / and/or blasting caps, in which the blasting caps were not the type specified in the order by NEGRON, and therefore had to return to the plant that same day to bring back the correct type of blasting caps.

LOLLAR stated that he has known LEON NEGRON for many years, and knows of no derogatory information concerning him. He added that he is a cousin of EVAN JASPER "BUDDY" LOLLAR, but is not related to COLEMAN "BROWNIE" LOLLAR. He added, however, he has known BROWNIE LOLLAR for about twentyfive years, and stated that he has never seen BROWNIE LOLLAR at Negron's Store during the occasions of his visits to the store.

LOLLAR stated that he does not know ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, nor would he recognize him on sight.

The following descriptive data was obtained from interview and observation:

Name:	EURSTON PAUL LOLLAR
Address:	1617 32nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama
Date of Birth:	May 17, 1908
Place of Birth:	Sayre (Jefferson County), Alabama
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	175 pounds
Hair:	Brown, receding
Eyes:	Blue
Characteristics:	Wears glasses
Complexion:	Ruddy
Military Service:	United States Army, June, 1944 - November, 1946, USASN 34917325

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Wife:	LOIS C. LOLLAR
Children:	None
Wife's Occupation:	Clerk, Billing Department, DuPont Company
Employment:	Truck driver, E. I. de Nemours DuPont and Company

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Date August 12, 1965

LEON NEGRON was reinterviewed at his place of business, Negron's Appliance Store, Daisy City, Alabama, and reiterated he still could not recall the disposition of the box of number six electric blasting caps which were delivered to him on November 30, 1964, by the E. I. de Nemours DuPont Company, nor the reason for his ordering them originally. NEGRON stated he believed he was possibly present at the time of this delivery, which also consisted of four cases of dynamite, and stated that EURSTON P. LOLLAR, who is a DuPont truck driver, delivered these items. He stated he recalls that when LOLLAR delivered the dynamite, he instructed him to leave the dynamite outside the store on a platform, since someone was coming by to pick it up. He added he was unable to recall seeing LOLLAR with the number six blasting caps, nor could he recall making any comment concerning the caps.

He added that during past deliveries, LOLLAR would usually leave the blasting caps on the counter of his store, but on this particular occasion, he could not recall ever seeing the ordered number six blasting caps.

NEGRON stated that during the course of his daily business, he usually makes out sales slips for purchasers when requested to do so by customers for cash sales, but added that both copies during this type of transaction are given to the customers. He noted that if the transaction is a credit sale, he maintains one copy of the sales slip for his records, and gives the carbon copy to the purchaser; however, when the purchaser pays his bill in total, NEGRON gives the purchaser his copy of the sales slip, and thereby has no record of it at all.

NEGRON stated that most of his blasting accessories are sold on a cash basis, and therefore, they are not substantiated by receipts. He stated that he still believes that TRAVIS CANTRELL, who is employed by the City of Graysville,

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Maintenance Department, is possibly the individual who received the number six blasting caps, as mentioned above. He added that CANTRELL, to his knowledge, was the only individual he could recall from the Graysville Maintenance Department who would pick up blasting accessories from him.

NEGRON voluntarily furnished the following sales slips reflecting individuals who have purchased blasting accessories in the past. NEGRON noted that these receipts are his only record containing information relative to the purchase of items from his store, since these individuals still owe balances on their accounts.

Date:	Purchaser:	Description of Purchase:
5/20/65	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 80px;"></div>	Red HA (Hercules Powder) 16 sticks - \$2.00.
5/13/65		Red HA (Hercules) - 10 sticks - \$1.20.
11/15/63	FNU <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px;"></div>	25 sticks of dynamite, possibly DuPont - \$2.50; Safety fuse - \$.90; 25 non-electric fuse caps - \$1.00.

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NEGRON noted that although he could not recall full name, he is employed by operator of a strip mine at Cardiff, Alabama.

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1/5/65	BUDDY LOLLAR	One case of dynamite (not identified) - \$12.00; Two rolls of safety fuse - \$3.60; One box of non-electric fuse caps (100) - \$3.20; 3 cases dynamite - \$36.00; 6 rolls each of 100 foot safety fuse - \$10.80; 500 non-electric fuse caps - \$20.50.
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Date:	Purchaser:	Description of Purchase:
8/17/64	[REDACTED]	1½ cases of dynamite (not identified) - \$6.00.
4/12/65		1 case of dynamite - \$12.00; 2 rolls of safety fuse - \$4.00.
4/2/65		½ case of dyanmite - \$6.00.

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NEGRON stated that this particular half case of dynamite was bought by [REDACTED] who is employed by [REDACTED]

NEGRON noted that on April 23, 1965, he purchased 1,000 number six blasting caps, non-electric, for \$20.00, plus 1,000 feet of safety fuse at \$12.50, from a Negro male, who signed the bill of sale as [REDACTED]. He stated that sometime around April 23, 1965, he purchased three cases of 60% Hercules Dynamite, 2" by 8", also from [REDACTED]. At the time of the purchase, NEGRON stated he had taken down LEE's car description and tag number. He stated that [REDACTED] was driving a 1955 or 1956 Ford, with 1965 Alabama tag [REDACTED] at the time of this transaction. [REDACTED] had told NEGRON that he was employed by the Earley Mines.

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In addition to the customers listed above, as reflected in sales receipts, NEGRON stated that he had sold blasting accessories to the following individuals:

City of Graysville, Graysville, Alabama.

McTurner and Blackwell Strip Miners, Graysville, Alabama.

[REDACTED]
Graders.

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FNU [REDACTED] employed as a contractor, Adamsville, Alabama, and residing near Woodruff Mills, Jefferson County, Alabama.

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Runge Engineering Company, Jefferson County, Alabama.
NEGRON noted that this company in the past worked on the
Sumiton Water Works.

NEGRON stated with respect to TRAVIS CANTRELL, he
believes CANTRELL to be the only individual from the City of
Graysville Maintenance Department who in the past has picked
up blasting accessories from him for the Maintenance Department.

NEGRON stated that he usually sells his non-electric
fuse caps for 5¢ each, and his electric blasting caps for
30¢ apiece. He added he could not recall any additional
information concerning the order from DuPont Company on
November 30, 1964.

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LEON NEGRON upon contact advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning the order of four cases of dynamite and #6 blasting caps which were delivered to his grocery store by the DuPont Explosive Company on November 30, 1964.

NEGRON advised that he has only one cash register, make and model unknown, but added it contained a tab reflecting "Alabama Business Machines, 1704 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama." He advised he has had this machine for about eight years and added that he had originally purchased it from a

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He added he also owns a National Adding Machine, SN 77H347414, which he has had for the past 15 years.

It is noted that these machines, as reflected above, were physically viewed by the interviewing agents with NEGRON's permission. It is noted that these machines require a paper tape of approximately two and one-half inches in width.

The following descriptive data was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	LEON NEGRON
Residence	Box 923, Route 3, Birmingham, Alabama (Daisy City)
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	January 27, 1911
Place of Birth	Jefferson County, Alabama
Height	5' 8"
Weight	150
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Requires reading glasses.

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Scar	1" scar under left eye
Military Service	None
Social Security No.	416-20-3449
Wife	
Children	

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Automobile

1963 two-door blue Chevrolet
Impala, 1965 Alabama tag
"1A-597."

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[redacted] advised that she could not recall any additional information concerning the delivery of four cases of dynamite and #6 electric blasting caps to the Negron Store on November 30, 1964. She stated, however, that she believed that the caps, as described above, were the type initially delivered by EURSTON P. LOLLAR, truck driver for DuPont, on November 30, 1964, and added that LOLLAR did not have to return to the DuPont Plant in order to get another type of blasting cap. She stated that during the previous interview, she had confused a previous incident concerning the delivery of blasting caps in which the driver had to return to the DuPont Plant in order to deliver the blasting caps which were originally ordered by her.

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[redacted] stated that sometime shortly before or after November 30, 1964, [redacted] a DuPont truck driver, had delivered blasting caps other than the type she had ordered at that time. She stated this required [redacted] to return immediately to the DuPont Plant and return with the proper blasting caps. She reiterated that this incident, therefore, did not take place on November 30, 1964.

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[redacted] stated that she and [redacted] LEON have sold dynamite and blasting accessories for the past 30 years. She added it was standard practice to occasionally order blasting caps solely for stock purposes and would have not necessarily required a direct order from one of her customers for these blasting caps. She recalled that when she placed the order on November 30, 1964, with DuPont for the four cases of dynamite and blasting caps, as requested by her husband, her husband to her knowledge did not make any comments concerning the blasting caps. She stated that she did not question her husband not telling her the exact type of caps to order since he has been nonspecific concerning such orders in the past. She stated that she could not recall the disposition of the #6 electric blasting caps which were delivered to her store on November 30, 1964.

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JAMES JACKSON HUDDLESTON, 991 South Main Street, Graysville, Alabama, advised he is presently employed in the Maintenance Department for the City of Graysville. He stated he has known LEON NEGRON for many years, and, in fact, had gone to high school with NEGRON. He stated that he has always thought of NEGRON as a "fine fellow," and knew of no derogatory information concerning him.

HUDDLESTON stated that he has in the past shot dynamite for the City of Graysville, but added that TRAVIS CANTRELL was the principal dynamite man for the city. He stated that many years ago, prior to his present employment, he had worked for several mines in the Jefferson County area, and as a result, had become proficient in the use of dynamite.

HUDDLESTON stated that he could not recall ever picking up dynamite ordered by the City of Graysville from LEON NEGRON. He stated that CANTRELL, to his knowledge, was the only person who would pick up dynamite from NEGRON when it was ordered by the City of Graysville.

HUDDLESTON stated that he is not now, nor has he ever been, a member of the Ku Klux Klan or National States Rights Party, and added that he does not personally know ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS of North Birmingham, Alabama. He added he knows of CHAMBLISS's background as reflected in the past by the news media.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	JAMES JACKSON HUDDLESTON
Address:	991 South Main Street, Graysville, Alabama
Date of Birth:	April 9, 1915
Place of Birth:	Graysville, Alabama

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	175 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Military Service:	None
Social Security #:	420-09-3370

Occupation:	Maintenance Department, City of Graysville, Alabama.
Brother:	PATE HUDDLESTON, 629 South Main Street, Graysville, Alabama, also employed by the Maintenance Department, City of Graysville, Alabama.

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HUDDLESTON advised he had no information concerning the past bombings or attempted bombings in the Birmingham, Alabama, area.

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CHARLES RAYMOND COLE, 92 5th Avenue, SE, Graysville, Alabama, advised that he is presently an employee of the Maintenance Department for the City of Graysville.

COLE stated that he is acquainted very slightly with LEON NEGRON and knows of no derogatory information concerning him. He stated that in connection with his employment, he has seen dynamite shot when rock interfered with the laying of pipe and/or water lines. During these occasions TRAVIS CANTRELL had been the principal shooter of dynamite for the Maintenance Department and on occasion has been assisted by [] and JAMES HUDDLESTON, fellow employees.

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COLE stated he recalled that on one occasion, he had picked up dynamite and blasting caps for CANTRELL from NEGRON. He stated this particular occasion occurred sometime in June or July, 1964, at which time he got approximately 50 blasting caps (specific type unknown) and approximately one case of dynamite, which he in turn gave to CANTRELL. He added that on a few other occasions he has accompanied CANTRELL to NEGRON's store and helped CANTRELL load dynamite purchased by CANTRELL from NEGRON for the City of Graysville. He said that on these occasions, he would usually wait in the Maintenance Department's truck outside of NEGRON's store.

COLE stated that he is not now nor has he ever been a member of the Ku Klux Klan, National States Rights Party, or similar organizations. He stated he does not know ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS of North Birmingham, Alabama.

COLE advised he had no information concerning the recent bombings or attempted bombings in the Birmingham area.

The following descriptive data was obtained from interview and observation:

Name CHARLES RAYMOND COLE

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Address	92 5th Avenue, SE, Graysville, Alabama
Date of Birth	October 12, 1935
Place of Birth	Walker County, Alabama
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 9½"
Weight	170
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown - gray (crew cut)
Complexion	Tanned
Military Service	None
Education	Eleventh grade

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DAVID LESLIE PATTON, 328 1st Avenue, NW, Graysville, Alabama, advised he is presently employed with the Maintenance Department of the City of Graysville. He advised he knows LEON NEGRON and has been in NEGRON's store on several occasions in the past. He advised he has never been a close friend of NEGRON, and added that he has never heard anything derogatory about him.

PATTON stated that he has never bought dynamite or blasting accessories from NEGRON either in connection with his employment or for his own personal use. He stated he is not familiar with shooting dynamite, although on occasion the Maintenance Department has used dynamite for rock blasting in connection with laying pipe and/or water lines. He stated during these cases TRAVIS CANTRELL primarily shot dynamite, and from time to time CANTRELL has been assisted in this phase of the work by PATE and JAMES HUDDLESTON, all Maintenance Department employees. PATTON stated he has never to his knowledge picked up any dynamite or blasting accessories from NEGRON for CANTRELL.

He stated he is not now nor ever has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan, National States Rights Party, or similar organizations. PATTON added he does not know ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS of North Birmingham, Alabama.

PATTON advised he had no information concerning the recent bombings or attempted bombings in the Birmingham area.

The following descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	DAVID LESLIE PATTON
Address	328 1st Avenue, NW, Graysville, Alabama
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	September 24, 1924

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Place of Birth	Jefferson County, Alabama
Height	6'
Weight	150
Build	Slim
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Education	High school graduate
Military Service	U. S. Army, 1943, six weeks, SN unrecalled
Characteristics	Wears glasses

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PATE HUDDLESTON, 629 South Main Street, Graysville, Alabama, advised that he is presently employed by the Maintenance Department for the City of Graysville, Alabama. He stated that prior to working for the City of Graysville, he had worked for about twenty years in various mines in Jefferson County, Alabama, and therefore became proficient in shooting dynamite. He stated that he has from time to time shot dynamite in connection with his present employment, but noted that TRAVIS CANTRELL, a fellow employee of the Maintenance Department, does most of the dynamite shooting. He stated that he has never picked up any dynamite from LEON NEGRON, for the City of Graysville, since this was primarily the duty of TRAVIS CANTRELL.

HUDDLESTON stated that he has known LEON NEGRON for many years, and in fact had attended school with NEGRON and had played baseball with him on the same team. He stated he knew of no derogatory information concerning NEGRON. HUDDLESTON stated with respect to the use of blasting caps with four foot leg wires, that he nor anyone else with the Maintenance Department would use such blasting caps in connection with their work, since they were too short. He noted that the Maintenance Department uses dynamite mostly for rocks which happen to be in the way of a pipeline laying job, and as a result would necessitate digging a hole through the rock deeper than four feet, which would require a blasting cap with leg wires exceeding four feet. HUDDLESTON stated he therefore could not recall ever using blasting caps with four foot leg wires.

HUDDLESTON stated that he is not now, nor has he ever been, a member of the Ku Klux Klan or National States Rights Party, and added that he does not know ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS of north Birmingham, Alabama.

HUDDLESTON, during the course of the interview, stated he was of the opinion that the recent bombings and attempted bombings in the Birmingham area were perpetrated

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by Negroes, since he felt a white man could not get into a predominantly Negro neighborhood without being seen. HUDDLESTON stated he was very annoyed that various law enforcement agencies investigating these bombings did not share his opinion as to those whom he thought were guilty. It was pointed out to HUDDLESTON that the bombs which were found on April 1, 1965, in Birmingham, had been placed at the Mayor's residence, as well as the residence of [redacted] both of whom were white. HUDDLESTON, in referring to the Mayor, stated, "That B..... deserved to be bombed." HUDDLESTON added that he has "no use for niggers," but noted that he would never bomb any Negro homes. He stated that the question of integration could be better handled in the courts.

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The following descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	PATE HUDDLESTON
Address:	629 South Main Street, Graysville, Alabama
Date of Birth:	March 21, 1912
Place of Birth:	Graysville (Jefferson County), Alabama
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	190 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Stocky
Education:	10th grade
Military Service:	None
Occupation:	Maintenance Department, City of Graysville, Alabama
Brother:	JAMES JACKSON HUDDLESTON, 991 South Main Street, Graysville, Alabama.

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HUDDLESTON advised he had no information concerning the past bombings and attempted bombings in the Birmingham, Alabama, area.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the office of the FBI, Birmingham, and after being advised by Inspector [redacted] that he need not make any statement, that any statement he might make could subsequently be used against him in a court of law, and that he had a right to consult legal counsel before making any statement, furnished the following:

After being requested to recall the events of the nights of September 4 and 5, 1963, [redacted] advised that he had been present at a Klan rally near Bessemer, Alabama, earlier on the evening of September 4, 1963, and following this rally had gone to the Bluebird Motel where he drank a considerable amount of alcoholic beverages, and after leaving the Bluebird Motel, he went to [redacted] Barbecue where he was advised by either [redacted] or the waitress that works there, that ROBERT CHAMBLISS had been there earlier and had requested that HALL call him on the telephone when he came in. [redacted] called CHAMBLISS' house and talked to his wife who advised him that CHAMBLISS had something for him to pick up on his way home and wanted him to come by the house and get it. [redacted] stated he remained at [redacted] for a while, having a few beers, and when he left, he left in the company of [redacted] and drove to the home of ROBERT CHAMBLISS located at 2505 32nd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama. When he arrived at CHAMBLISS' residence, he knocked on the front door and was met by CHAMBLISS' wife, who told him CHAMBLISS had told her there was something in the trunk of his car that he wanted him to have. She took the keys to the car and accompanied him to the front of the house where she opened the trunk of the car. HALL immediately noted there was a case of dynamite in the trunk of the car and also a few extra sticks in a sack. He stated he was quite surprised to notice that this was dynamite and immediately mentioned to [redacted] that he did not want this dynamite, for he had no place to put it or store it. [redacted] then told HALL he knew a place where they could put it where it would be safe whereupon HALL took the case of dynamite from CHAMBLISS' car and put it in the

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trunk of his car. He stated that he cannot say for sure what type of dynamite was in the carton, but it was his belief that this dynamite was Hercules because he recognized the emblem on the box as being that emblem utilized by the Hercules Powder Company.

[] advised that he and [] then drove to a spot in a vacant field somewhere in the vicinity of Gardendale where they placed the dynamite in a cudzu patch that [] suggested. [] continued that the following Thursday night after the regular weekly meeting of Eastview Klavern #13, he and [] drove to the field where he had put the dynamite, and upon finding that the dynamite was gone, continued on to the home of [] where they intended to question [] as to what he had done with the dynamite. [] stated that when they got there, [] was very non-committal about what had happened to the dynamite, but advised [] that someone else had gotten it and removed it from the field.

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[] advised further that on one Thursday night prior to this incident, he had occasion to be in the company of [] when they were either on their way to a weekly meeting of Eastview Klavern #13 or on their way home from one such meeting. When [] drove to a house in North Birmingham where they had conversation with a young man described by [] as being a brother-in-law of [] stated this boy was unknown to him and he described him as being a white male, about 5'9" tall, weighing about 150 pounds. He stated he cannot recall the exact reason for this trip, but as best as he can remember, it concerned something to do with a citizens band radio. [] recalled further that it was during this conversation with this young man that he requested directions as to how to get to the home of [] Negro attorney, stating that he intended to go to [] house and put a bomb down. Also, during this conversation this boy requested of [] and [] whether they knew how to make a timing device utilizing an alarm clock which would detonate a dynamite bomb. [] advised that [] then took a piece of paper and pencil and began drawing a diagram for this boy while he explained how he could make a timing device for a bomb out of an alarm clock. This conversation took place in the backyard of this young boy's house and [] noticed there was a 1956 or 1957

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blue over white Ford automobile which [] considered to be owned by this individual parked in the backyard. He stated he could not recall whether or not this car was equipped with a whip antenna or whether it had a citizens band radio equipment in it or not. [] then identified a photograph of [] as being identical with the individual with whom he had this conversation. [] stated he could not recall [] ever mentioning, at this time, about making a shrapnel bomb or about sharpening both ends of nails or preparing a shrapnel bomb from other similar metallic debris; however, he recalled once at a regular meeting of Eastview Klavern #13, [] had occasion to mention making a shrapnel bomb by using nuts and bolts and by sharpening nails.

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[] was asked to recall information previously furnished by him concerning the burning of a church in Warrior, Alabama, by [] and others in 1962, and after this request, he advised that information as previously furnished by him was true as best as he could recall, and went on to say that he recalled [] advising him specifically on one occasion that he had, in fact, burned this church in Warrior. He said [] had told him they had used [] car and had driven to this church where they threw a container of gasoline in the window and then fired it. He recalled also that [] mentioned something to him about the night watchman or some other individual who had seen them and had almost caught them.

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[] advised that he also remembered on one occasion [] talking of throwing a hand-made hand grenade at a colored pool room somewhere in North Birmingham. He was unable to recall the exact facts concerning this incident, but stated to the best of his knowledge, [] or some other person had manufactured this hand grenade using an old dummy-type hand grenade casing and after making it an explosive weapon, had thrown it at a Negro pool room.

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[] stated that he is no longer a close associate of [] and his only association with [] is an occasional chance meeting on the street. He stated it is rumored

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that [] has since gotten religion and is keeping pretty much to himself.

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[] advised further, as he has in the past, that he is still at a loss to explain why ROBERT CHAMBLISS requested that he stop by his house to pick up this dynamite, and stated in his subsequent discussions with CHAMBLISS, CHAMBLISS has never offered any explanation other than he purchased this dynamite from LEON NEGRON for the expressed purpose of blowing stumps on some piece of property that was going to be used for some Klan hall, and he had been requested by [] to have [] pick it up and keep it for him.

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[] stated once again that he has no idea whatsoever who might be responsible for placing the boxes of dynamite at various locations in Birmingham on March 21, 1965, and April 1, 1965. He stated that if he had any information concerning who had perpetrated this act, he would be more than willing to furnish it to the FBI.

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[redacted] advised that he is presently associated with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. and has been active in recruiting new members. Recently he extended his recruitment activity into the states of Ohio and Indiana.

[redacted] advised that he has been associated with Klan organizations for many years and was a member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan up through the middle 1940's when because of United States Government claims for back taxes arising from an investigation by Internal Revenue, this organization was disbanded.

Thereafter, he was associated with the Association of Georgia Klans of which [redacted] was Exalted Cyclops. He stated that it was the purpose of [redacted] to place the Klan back on the same foundation on which it had been established, particularly with respect to its aims, purposes, and ritual.

The Association of Georgia Klans, however, was not successful in carrying out its purposes because of the death of [redacted]. Upon his death the Klan was taken over by [redacted] who allowed the organization to deteriorate and also robbed the Klan treasury. This led to the deterioration of the Association of Georgia Klans and as a result various splinter Klan groups arose throughout the south.

[redacted] said that he was instrumental in the foundation of the Federated Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This group was established to carry on the aims and purposes of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that one of the first members to join the Federated Knights of the KKK which had headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, was ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS. CHAMBLISS became a member of the Robert E. Lee Klavern in Birmingham, of which [redacted] was the Exalted Cyclops. He stated that THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., whom he also knows as "POP" BLANTON, also became a member. Concerning BLANTON, [redacted] said he originally met BLANTON in Washington, D. C. several years prior to the establishment of the Federated Knights of the

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KKK. BLANTON, in Washington, D. C., had a small Klan group of 35 to 40 members. He said that he has had no connection with BLANTON for several years, although he is aware that with the demise of the Federated KKKK, BLANTON subsequently associated himself with the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and subsequently the Alabama Knights of the KKK.

While the Federated KKKK was in existence he stated that Rev. [redacted] was also a member. He recalled that in addition to the Robert E. Lee Klavern in Birmingham there were several other Klans surrounding Birmingham at Leeds, Adamsville, Odenville, and other towns which he could not recall.

During the latter part of the 1940's 18 members of the Adamsville Klavern, Federated KKKK, were indicted by the Jefferson County Grand Jury at Birmingham, Alabama for participating in alleged floggings. Among those indicted was ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS and "BROWNIE" LOLLAR.

[redacted] said that he was well acquainted with "BROWNIE" LOLLAR and knew that he was involved in flogging incidents. He expressed the opinion that LOLLAR would not, however, participate in bombing attempts and seriously doubted that LOLLAR would furnish dynamite to anyone, knowing that it would be used for violence.

Among other members of the Federated KKKK was [redacted] who was employed by the DuPont Company. He stated that he did not believe that [redacted] would secure dynamite from the DuPont Company as, although [redacted] was a rough, tough type, he did not think that [redacted] had the courage to steal from his employer.

[redacted] also named as a member of the Federated KKKK, [redacted] who was formerly Chief of Police at Brookside, Alabama. [redacted] also participated in the flogging incidents for which the other Klansmen were indicted, but in the opinion of [redacted] would not participate in bombings. He

described BROCK as an opportunist, completely unreliable, and a braggard. He indicated, however, that BROCK was an extremely close friend of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS.

Concerning [redacted] MORRIS said that [redacted] to his knowledge, has had no connection with Klan activity since 1950 when the Federated Klan became defunct following extensive adverse publicity arising from the flogging incidents. [redacted] said that he does not believe that [redacted] would have any connection with bombings, although he had a deep and intense feeling concerning integration. He said that although he did not believe [redacted] would himself participate in violence he would be the type of person who would urge and encourage such action.

[redacted] was questioned concerning bombing incidents which occurred between the period 1945 through 1950 in the Birmingham area, particularly in the Smithfield Section. [redacted] stated that although he recalled that these bombings arose during a period when Negroes were attempting to occupy residences formerly owned by white people he had no personal knowledge concerning any of these incidents. He emphatically denied any personal participation in these incidents and when asked specifically concerning participation in the three simultaneous bombings which occurred on 12th Place North, Birmingham, on April 10, 1957, together with [redacted] and ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, emphatically denied it.

He was asked concerning Klan participation in any of the series of bombings occurring in the Smithfield area between 1945 and 1950. [redacted] said that he has no knowledge that any individual Klansman performed any of these acts, although he indicated that Klansmen could be responsible but not acting under official instructions. He mentioned that ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS was a constant source of trouble to him and to [redacted] as CHAMBLISS constantly advocated violence. However, he could not recall any specific action advocated by CHAMBLISS. He stated that during the attempted integration of the former white area in Smithfield a Civic Association was formed by white residents of the area. Although

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he has no particular recollection, he believes that the Klan was approached to take some action to prevent this integration. He also believes that the person or persons responsible for the early bombing incidents in the Smithfield area were brought in to perform these acts by the Civic Association. He said that he could not recall the names of the members of this association, although he did appear before them on one occasion and spoke in an effort to recruit members for the Federated KKKK.

The names [redacted] and [redacted] were mentioned to him. He said he believes that [redacted] were members of the Federated KKKK; however, the name [redacted] is not familiar to him.

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Going back to the flogging incidents, [redacted] said that although these incidents took place and were performed by Klansmen, they were carried out independently by the members of the Adamsville Klavern and without the knowledge or sanction of [redacted] and himself.

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[redacted] was asked concerning the incident wherein [redacted] allegedly received a telephone call from Chief of Police C. FLOYD EDDINS, Birmingham Police Department, wherein [redacted] was requested by [redacted] to go to the Smithfield area and instruct ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS to leave the area where he was making threats against Negro residents. [redacted] stated that he does not know that the incident actually took place although [redacted] has told him of the incident including having received the telephone call from the Police Department and contacting CHAMBLISS and instructed him to leave the area.

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[redacted] said that he did not know CHAMBLISS as a young man as he, [redacted], grew up in Georgia. He said he had no contact with CHAMBLISS prior to the time that CHAMBLISS joined the Federated KKKK. He repeated that CHAMBLISS was a constant source of trouble to the officials of the Federated Klan because of his constant advocacy of "action" to the Klan committee. He said that when the committee refused to carry out the recommendations of CHAMBLISS, CHAMBLISS would take independent action. Giving as an example, CHAMBLISS' participation in the floggings by the Adamsville Klavern, although he, CHAMBLISS, was a member of the Robert E. Lee Klavern.

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MORRIS said that he had cooperated with EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR, former Safety Commissioner, Birmingham, in an effort to implicate [redacted] in bombing incidents in Birmingham during 1958. He said that he was successful in bringing together [redacted] and representatives of the Birmingham Police Department who indicated that they were representing a group of white citizens in Birmingham who desired aggressive action be taken against the Negroes. Under this pretext a tentative agreement was reached whereby [redacted] would dynamite a building to be selected. On the occasion of this meeting [redacted] accompanied [redacted] to Birmingham. Before the final arrangements were made, however, an attempt was made to dynamite the Bethel Baptist Church, of which FRED SHUTTLESWORTH was the Pastor. Thereafter, [redacted] and [redacted] returned to Birmingham and attempted to collect their fee for this bombing. [redacted] indicated that he had placed the bomb. The officers refused, however, to pay [redacted] his fee. [redacted] said that thereafter he learned from [redacted] that when [redacted] was interviewed by EUGENE CONNOR, CONNOR informed [redacted] that [redacted] had cooperated with the FBI in the FBI investigation of the bombing of the Jewish Temple in Atlanta. As a result of this, [redacted] said that he felt that CONNOR had violated a confidence and he has no respect for CONNOR. Also his association with [redacted] was broken.

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He said that he did not know the relationship which existed between [redacted] and ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, although he was aware that CHAMBLISS had worked in the City Garage and was suspended from his position because of his participation in the floggings. He said he had no personal knowledge but had heard that [redacted] interceded for CHAMBLISS in an effort to secure CHAMBLISS' reinstatement in the city employment.

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[redacted] indicated that he has heard from sources which he does not desire to disclose, that [redacted] had visited the CHAMBLISS home both before and after the bombing of the Baptist Church in which the four Negro children were killed.

Concerning this incident, [redacted] indicated that shortly after the bombing of the church he attempted to develop

information by making inquiries in Birmingham. He said that from a source who he cannot disclose, but who is close to CHAMBLISS, he learned that CHAMBLISS, TROY INGRAM and possibly [redacted] were involved in this bombing. He also said that he believed from this source that a man whose name is [redacted] who runs a barbecue place in Birmingham, participated in this bombing. [redacted] said he has no particular knowledge of this bombing and has no further details. He stated that the source from which he received this information would not cooperate even if his name were disclosed.

Subsequently during this interview [redacted] said that another source had advised him that [redacted] had [redacted] This source also would not cooperate.

[redacted] identified TROY INGRAM as an electrician and auto mechanic, who resides on the outskirts of Birmingham with whom he is casually acquainted. He said that INGRAM was not a member of the Federated KKKK but he believes was a member of the United States Klans, but broke away during the middle 1950's, thereafter associating with the Alabama Knights of the KKK.

[redacted] was questioned concerning the dynamite incident which involved the arrest of three men in Birmingham after two of them had been caught in the act by some Negroes. [redacted] said that he recalled the incident but did not know the names of the men. He said that he was aware that these men were members of the Alabama KKKK in Birmingham and that money was raised for their defense. He said, however, that he was not associated with this Klan group and, therefore, has no knowledge concerning it. He said, however, that he had heard that these men had been drinking after attending a Klan meeting and were quite drunk at the time of the attempted bombing. He said that he has no knowledge to indicate that the incident was Klan sponsored.

He repeated that he has no personal knowledge of the identity of those responsible for the early dynamite incidents

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in the Smithfield area, but that the old time residents of the area who are members of the Civic Association, which he believed to be the Graymont Civic Association, possibly could shed some light on these incidents. He vaguely recalled that one of the residents was [REDACTED] and (FNU) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he would attempt to refresh his memory and was available for further interview.

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[redacted] advised he was well aware he did not have to furnish a statement; any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law; and that he could consult an attorney before furnishing any information.

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[redacted] voluntarily advised he is still residing at the above address and has no plans of moving. He added he is the [redacted] and is not presently engaged in any other business ventures. According to [redacted] very few of his old customers who had patronized his place one or two years ago presently [redacted]

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According to [redacted] he has not received any information concerning the past bombings and attempted bombings in the Birmingham area. He reiterated he has no knowledge whatsoever concerning these incidents.

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[redacted] stated he presently owns a 1959 blue Cadillac and a 1960 white four-door Cadillac. He advised he could not recall his auto license numbers and added his wife usually drives the 1960 Cadillac.

[redacted] stated he is no longer associated with the "Klan" and has not attended a closed meeting of this organization since about 1961.

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Date November 15, 1965

[redacted]
[redacted] who is employed [redacted]
Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed concerning his activities on the morning of September 15, 1963.

[redacted] advised that on the morning of September 15, 1963, he was on duty [redacted]. He stated he was considering purchasing a power lawn mower from [redacted] and had this lawn mower in his truck to return to [redacted]. He left the lawn mower on the porch at [redacted] house on 9th Court West, Birmingham, and proceeded to [redacted] where he stopped for his usual coffee break.

At the cafe, [redacted] requested [redacted] to turn on the pilot light of the furnace at [redacted] residence. [redacted] and [redacted] left the cafe at approximately 9:00 A.M. and both proceeded in the [redacted] truck to [redacted] residence, where [redacted] turned on the pilot light. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] left [redacted] residence at the same time with [redacted] going in his truck to Central Park and [redacted] in his wife's car, driving in the direction of the cafe.

[redacted] stated that at no time did [redacted] make any comments concerning a proposed bombing, nor did he make any comments concerning the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church or the racial situation in general. [redacted] stated they did not drive near the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and went straight from the cafe to [redacted] residence.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is a strong racist and "hates" all Negroes. [redacted] advised he knew HERMAN CASH on sight; however, he did not know him on a conversational basis.

[redacted] could not recall any comments made by any individuals at [redacted] on the morning of September 15,

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[redacted]
[redacted] furnished the following information to Special Agents [redacted] who identified themselves to her as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

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[redacted] advised that her husband, [redacted] has not attended a Ku Klux Klan meeting or associated with any active Klan members since about the Fall of 1964. The last time she and her husband saw any active Klansmen was at a dinner on August 28, 1965, at the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, held in honor of MATT MURPHY, who was recently killed in an automobile accident. She said that although she previously was Executive Secretary of the United Americans for Conservative Government (UACG) in Birmingham, and still strongly believes in states rights and segregation, she has not been associated with the UACG since more than a year and a half ago and does not believe the organization is now active in the Birmingham area. She said she picketed the Graymont Elementary School in Birmingham in September, 1963, and urged parents to take their children home rather than allow them to attend an integrated school. At one time she stopped a young white girl who, with a group of Negroes, was picketing Loveman's Department Store in Birmingham, and she and the girl exchanged opinions concerning the racial situation. A small group of people gathered around during the discussion but there was no trouble.

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[redacted] said that although she firmly and absolutely believes in segregation, and believes that God separated the races and intended that they remain separated, she likewise absolutely does not believe in the use of violence or threats as a means of maintaining segregation. She said she would not participate in any act of violence and she is positive that her husband feels the same way,

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and that he would not participate in any violence. She said that if she were present at a time when violence was advocated by anyone, she would make every possible effort to prevent the violence. Also, if she had any information concerning who was responsible for bombings or beatings in the Birmingham area, she would gladly furnish the information to the appropriate officials.

[redacted] advised that she and her husband were grieved over the recent death of MATT MURPHY. She said MATT MURPHY had been their close friend for many years and had advised them legally many times. She also said that [redacted] was known to her and her husband for quite some time and she believes [redacted] is a mental case and needs psychiatric help. [redacted] was the cause of a great deal of personal trouble in her family and she believes he was probably responsible for most of the bombing in the Birmingham area. She does not believe [redacted] story concerning the LIUZZO murder and although she is not well acquainted with [redacted], she has met [redacted] several times and is sure that he is not the type of person who would become involved in a murder.

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[redacted] said that she and her husband have known TOMMY BLANTON, JR. and "POP" BLANTON for a long time and were once quite friendly with them; however, she seldom sees either of them anymore and for some reason, TOMMY BLANTON, JR. no longer will have anything to do with her. She described TOMMY BLANTON, JR. as a coward and "POP" BLANTON as a fine old man. She said she has not seen ROBERT CHAMBLISS for some time and is sure her husband has not seen him either. She described CHAMBLISS as a soft-hearted man who would not commit an act of violence and she has seen him cry at the mention and discussion of children who were neglected. She said she knows [redacted] with an office in [redacted]

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and he attended the same Baptist Church as she and her husband. She did not have any knowledge concerning his participation in the Counter-insurgency Council and although she was not sure of the aims and goals of this group, she does not believe [] is the type of man who would become involved in such a group.

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[] advised that her husband does not normally arrive home from work until after 4:00 p.m. She said that FBI Agents were always welcome to contact her at her home and she is always willing to discuss her views with Agents.

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[redacted] was interviewed on September 2, 1965. He was advised by SA [redacted] of his right to speak to an attorney or anyone else before making any statement, that he need make no statement if he did not wish, and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. He was told by SA [redacted] that no promises, threats, or duress would be used on him to induce him to make a statement.

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He denied any contact with the United Klans of America, Inc., or any Klan-type organizations and stated he is still working as a barber at the Parliament House.

He denied any knowledge of the bombing and attempted bombings during March and April, 1965, and denied membership in the Cahaba Heights Klan Group which was supposedly formed by ROBERT CHAMBLISS.

He admitted knowing CHAMBLISS casually but stated he had had only one or two contacts with him. He stated he had no personal feelings with regard to the integration of the schools in the Birmingham area and would state only that he was "a Southerner". He furnished no additional pertinent information.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his home, [redacted] telephone [redacted]. He was advised of his right to an attorney by SA [redacted] before making any statement, that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was told by SA [redacted] that no promises, threats, or duress would be used on him to induce him to make a statement.

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He advised that he was recently injured when he fell out of a tree and broke his heel. He stated he would be in a cast for approximately eight weeks and would be layed out of work at least three or four months. He stated he planned to take and knew of no action which was planned against Negroes entering white schools in Birmingham, Alabama area. He stated he has not been attending Klan meetings too regularly of late due to the fact his leg has been in a cast and he is unable to drive. He denied having any knowledge of the bombings which occurred in March and April, 1965, and stated he has heard no rumors which would lead him to suspect any person of these bombings. He furnished no additional pertinent information.

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[redacted] was reinterviewed on September 8, 1965, at his residence where he is currently incapacitated with a broken heel. He was subsequently interviewed concerning the bombings which have occurred in the City of Birmingham over the past three years and advised he had no knowledge of the perpetrators of the bombing of the [redacted] residence in 1963 or the 16th Street Baptist Church in 1963. He added on May 11, 1963, he was at the Bessemer Klavern rally but at that time, heard no conversation concerning any diversionary tactics such as the breaking of windows in downtown Birmingham. He added that afterwards, he went directly home and later in the conversation contradicted himself and stated he had possibly gone to [redacted] home prior to going home.

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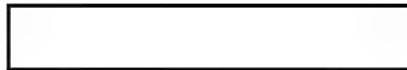
He alleged that he would cooperate in any way with regard to any information which might come to his attention concerning any bombing or Klan-type activities in the Birmingham area. He stated at the time he was aware of no information which would be of any value to the FBI.

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and that he sat in the car while "another guy" put the bomb in the corner of the church.

He stated that he did not really think that any of these people believed the story but apparently they did.

[redacted] denied knowing anyone who was involved in the matter with the exception of one named LEON NEGRON, who operates a store in Daisy City, Alabama. He advised that he heard this person was arrested as a suspect in the selling of the explosives but was later released. He advised that he only knew this individual since he had been in his store in Daisy City but never discussed the matter with NEGRON and did not know whether he was involved or not.

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[redacted] advised that at the time of this bombing, he was [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised that he remembers when it happened but did not pay much attention at the time and really did not think about it much until he read Dr. KING's book and his barracks mates started kidding him so much about being from Alabama.

[redacted] advised that he also told them that he knew who it was that killed the Negro boy on the bicycle one Sunday in Birmingham, Alabama. He advised that he knew these two boys since they had visited [redacted]

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[redacted] where he was employed. He advised that one was named [redacted] but could not remember the name of the other one. He stated that he knew them only casually but did know that they were arrested and tried for the murder. He denied any participation in the crime or actual knowledge of the details except what he read in the papers.

[redacted] advised that he had also talked about the bombing of the home of the brother of MARTIN LUTHER KING in Birmingham but knew nothing about the bombing except the rumors and newspaper publicity at the time.

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[redacted] advised that at the time of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, he owned a 1950 black Chevrolet.

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Date October 4, 1965

[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed and she furnished the following information:

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She stated her husband is currently out of town on a trip to Jacksonville, Florida, driving a truck for a [redacted] who leases his truck to the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company to haul steel. She stated she does not expect him back from this trip for several days.

[redacted] advised that her husband worked regularly for about two weeks for GORDON TRANSPORTATION COMPANY as a driver several months ago, but was laid off because of his lack of education and is currently working part time through the Teamsters Union Hall as a dock loader or driver wherever he can find work. She advised further that her husband still drinks alcoholic beverages, but has curbed his drinking habits to a point whereby they have been able to live together for over a year without serious incident.

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[redacted] stated her husband is no longer a member of the Klan to the best of her knowledge and has little to do with his old friends who are Klansmen.

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When question specifically as to whether THOMAS E. BLANTON, JR., BOBBY FRANK CHERRY or ROBERT CHAMBLISS had been associating with her husband, [redacted] replied that to the best of her knowledge he has not seen any of these individuals in several months.

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Also, when questioned concerning whether she had discussed the attempted bombings in Birmingham on March 21, 1965, and April 1, 1965, with her husband, she replied that she had and noted that his only observation was, "Whoever did that must have really been crazy."

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[redacted] advised that she and her husband now have two automobiles, a 1950 Chevrolet sedan, blue in color, and a 1957 Chevrolet Station Wagon, white over yellow.

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Date July 29, 19651

ROBERT M. SHELTON advised that he is the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, with headquarters at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

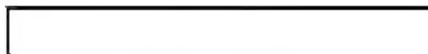
He stated he has no knowledge of Klan participation in any acts of violence and has no information concerning the bombing incidents which occurred in March, 1965 at Birmingham, Alabama. He, however, expressed the opinion that these bombings were the result of action on the part of Negroes in an effort on their part to gain greater publicity for the Civil Rights movement. He commented that he recognized that the bombing incidents since they were directed against Negro property, would naturally be attributed to Klan activity and did place the Klan in a bad light. However, he emphasized that he has never, on any occasion, encouraged, instructed, or ordered any Klansman to participate in violence.

SHELTON said that he is not in sympathy with violence as a means to oppose integration and recognized the danger that innocent people, both white and Negro, might be injured as a result of such acts of violence. He said that should he learn of any individual Klan member participating in any such activity that member would be banished from his Klan organization and should he, SHELTON, receive information concerning any bombing incidents he would make that information known.

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Date 7/9/65

[redacted] was advised by SA [redacted]
[redacted] of the identity of interviewing agents, that he did
not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make
could be used against him in a court of law, and that he
could consult with an attorney prior to making any statement.

[redacted] advised he did not wish to be interviewed
and refused to furnish any information; therefore, the inter-
view was terminated.

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On 7/1/65 at Ketona, Alabama File # BH 174-6
SA [redacted] and BH 157-352
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